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## **Bank First sponsors Lakeshore CAP, Inc. to help provide assistance to new homebuyers with down payments**

As a Member Bank of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLB), Bank First has sponsored Lakeshore CAP, Inc. to provide down payment assistance to 25 households.

Low income, first-time homebuyers in rural areas (populations of 10,000 or less) located throughout Manitowoc, Kewaunee, Door, Calumet and Sheboygan counties will benefit from the \$137,500 in funding available through the FHLB's Affordable Housing Program. Funds are also available to qualified individuals with disabilities.

The funding not only provides for the down payment assistance, but also group homebuyer education sessions and individual housing counseling through Lakeshore CAP.

Lakeshore CAP has developed a comprehensive homebuyer education/counseling program that has been used successfully since 1998. For more information about Lakeshore CAP, contact Chris Loose, Housing Coordinator, at (920) 682-3737.

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