

Update on Subsidence
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When I started as the City Administrator in October of 2021, I saw subsidence as a high concern and need for greater effort to address both the cause and effect. In that time, we have initiated the following efforts.

1. We have started a new conversation with the Utah FEMA office to ask how we can apply for and qualify for any funding that can help with foundation stabilization. We were unsuccessful at this in the past but will continue to explore ways to qualify.
2. Congressman Chris Stewart's staff recently shared that government appropriations may be available for projects currently underway with a federal agency. We will be exploring this with item 1 above.
3. We are applying to the Federal Bureau of Reclamation for a grant to update our studies and impacts to support our grant requests for 1 and 2 above.
4. The root problem is the underground aquifer level. We met with community partners and government agencies this summer to discuss ways to add water to the aquifer and to reduce pumping from the aquifer. This will be a long-term effort and the surrounding cities and Weber Basin Water District have agreed to participate in the effort.
5. We evaluated four homes in late July and determined the two homes most in need of repairs that will be funded this year with \$100,000 going to each foundation repair.
6. The Davis County CDBG grant will work to fund one more "low to moderate income" grant in 2023.

Many of you have reached out for additional information to know how your score compares with others. We are grappling with how to share information and not disclose private information that could unintentionally be used against homeowners in the future. We will continue to explore how we can share information and in a way that it is fair and equitable.

Your application information is used for preliminary scoring before sending staff to independently grade the homes and we will continue to refine the questions to get us the information that we need to evaluate your situation. Unfortunately, we are unable to visit every home due to the time and cost of each visit.

We appreciate your patience as we actively pursue a variety of ways to tackle the subsidence and assist individuals to stabilize their homes.