



# INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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## HELPING HAND GRANT DOLLARS APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION

BISMARCK –The North Dakota Industrial Commission has approved \$250,000 in grants through the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency’s (NDHFA) Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND) Program.

“Helping HAND dollars support a fundamental human requirement for our low income citizens -- the requirement for good, affordable housing,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “Used in conjunction with local resources, the funds boost a community’s ability to meet critical construction or rehabilitation issues in single and multifamily dwellings, but more importantly, they help individuals and families in need.”

“Each year, Helping HAND grants provide support for hundreds of single or multifamily homes across the state,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “Under the previous year’s fund distribution, 339 units were rehabilitated or constructed. The money provided by NDHFA leveraged an additional \$1.1 million from various sources for the projects.”

“Since the program began in 1996, more than \$9 million in grants has been made available to help address the housing needs of lower-income families,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “The most popular use of the program dollars is the rehabilitation of existing properties.”

Distribution of the 2005 program dollars was approved as follows:

- Christmas in April, Bismarck/Mandan..... \$2,500
- Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Williston..... \$8,867
- Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Dickinson.....\$11,682
- Community Action Opportunities, Inc., Minot.....\$25,205
- Community Action Program Region 7, Bismarck..... \$33,661
- Community Action Region IV, Jamestown..... \$17,079
- Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake.....\$21,428
- Red River Valley Community Action Agency, Grand Forks.....\$24,840
- Southeast ND Community Action Agency, Fargo.....\$37,238
- Habitat for Humanity of Southwest ND, Dickinson..... \$7,500
- Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity, Bismarck..... \$7,500
- Northern Lights Habitat for Humanity, Minot.....\$7,500
- Richland-Wilkin Community Habitat for Humanity, Wahpeton.....\$5,000

- Standing Rock/Sitting Bull College/HIP Program, Fort Yates.....\$10,000
- Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town.....\$10,000
- Trenton Indian Service Area, Trenton.....\$10,000
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt.....\$10,000

The program requires a nominal local match of 25 percent. The money cannot be used for general operating expenses and must be utilized within 12 months of grant notification. Community Action Agencies and Native American grantees are encouraged to use funding to benefit the largest number of households.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees NDHFA. For more information about the agency or the Helping HAND program, contact NDHFA at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621 or (800) 366-6888 (TTY). Information is also available online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org).