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COMMISSION APPROVES HELPING HAND GRANT ALLOCATION

BISMARCK - The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will distribute \$450,000 in grants through the Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND) program.

“The agency’s grant allocation to not-for-profit organizations offers homeowners and families the flexibility to meet a wide range of housing needs,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “Flexible program funds are important to these organizations because they can use their own discretion to help people address their needs in ways that help the most.”

“Grant recipients typically use the funds to support weatherization programs or update properties occupied by low-income families,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “The program requires a local match of 25 percent and it must be utilized within 12 months of grant notification.”

“Every year, Helping HAND enables organizations to assist more than 300 North Dakota households,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Since 2000, the Helping HAND program has leveraged more than \$15.7 million in additional funding for the construction or rehabilitation of almost 3,000 housing units statewide.”

Agency earnings fund the Helping HAND program. The 2009 program dollars will be distributed as follows:

Southeastern ND Community Action Agency, Fargo	\$92,943
Community Action Program Region VII, Bismarck	\$63,092
Red River Community Action, Grand Forks.....	\$57,671
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake	\$41,373
Community Action Partnership, Dickinson/Williston.....	\$34,718
Community Action Region VI, Jamestown.....	\$30,203
Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town	\$16,667
Trenton Indian Service Area, Trenton.....	\$16,667
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe/HIP Office, Fort Yates	\$16,667
Dakota Nation Housing Development Corporation, Sisseton	\$16,667
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt	\$16,667
Spirit Lake Housing Corporation, Fort Totten	\$16,667
Red River Valley Habitat for Humanity, Grand Forks.....	\$5,625
Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity, Bismarck.....	\$5,625
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, Fargo.....	\$5,625
Northern Lights Habitat for Humanity, Minot	\$5,625
Fergus Falls Area Habitat for Humanity, Wahpeton.....	\$4,998
Camp of the Cross/Dream Catchers, Garrison	\$2,500

For more information about the program, contact Nancy Rice at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, (800) 366-6888 (TTY) or info@ndhfa.org. Information is also available online at www.ndhfa.org.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees the NDHFA.

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