

## **RENTAL REHAB PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE**

BISMARCK – The Industrial Commission announced today that approximately \$31,000 in Rental Rehab Assistance Program (RRAP) funding is available for rehabilitation of rental property occupied by low-income people with physical disabilities.

“This program will help in building ramps, installing audio and visual smoke detectors, chair lifts, kitchen faucets, door hardware, and other items that make apartments more easily accessible for individuals with disabilities,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “The funding compliments our efforts to enhance the quality of life for all our citizens of North Dakota.”

Applications for the RRAP funds, which are administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA), must be received by close of business on October 18.

“Preference is given to nonprofit applicants making improvements that benefit individuals participating in the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Developmental Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation Division programs,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “Applications that include at least a dollar-for-dollar match receive greater consideration.”

“Financed by the interest cost savings resulting from the refunding of a multifamily bond issue, 63 RRAP grant applications totaling \$372,590 have been awarded since the program began in 1996,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

For an application or more information on the Rental Rehab Assistance Program, contact the NDHFA Rental Division at (701) 328-8080, 1-800-292-8621, 1-800-366-6888 (TTY) or Robin Hendrickson at the Department of Human Services at (701) 328-8932 or Bill Harmsen at Vocational Rehabilitation at (701) 328-3999. Information is also available online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://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 North Dakota Housing Finance Agency.