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Housing Agency Provides Support

BISMARCK - The Industrial Commission today approved distribution of more than $200,000 by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) through the Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND) program.

“NDHFA supports non-profit agencies across North Dakota that work to address the unmet housing needs of lower-income individuals and families,” said Governor Jack Dalrymple. “The agency’s assistance impacts hundreds of households each year.”

“Used together with local resources, Helping HAND addresses a wide range of needs,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Grants support weatherization and rehabilitation of residential properties.”

“Households receiving assistance must be income qualified,” said Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. “NDHFA also requires nonprofit grant recipients to provide a 25 percent match of the total project cost.”

The 2011 program dollars will be distributed as follows:

Southeastern ND Community Action Agency, Fargo .............................................. $47,064
Community Action Program Region VII, Bismarck .............................................. $33,519
Red River Community Action, Grand Forks .......................................................... $26,481
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake ...................................... $19,760
Community Action Partnership, Dickinson/Williston ......................................... $15,405
Community Action Region VI, Jamestown ........................................................... $14,555
Community Action Partnership, Minot Region ...................................................... $20,716
Trenton Indian Service Area, Trenton ................................................................. $9,166
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe/HIP Office, Fort Yates ............................................... $9,166
Dakota Nation Housing Development Corporation, Sisseton, SD ....................... $9,166
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt ....................................... $9,166
Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity, Bismarck ............................................... $3,000
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, Fargo ......................................................... $3,000
Northern Lights Habitat for Humanity, Minot .................................................... $3,000
Camp of the Cross Ministries – Dream Catchers, Garrison ............................... $1,250

NDHFA’s earnings fund the Helping HAND program. Since 2000, the program has leveraged more than $18.6 million in additional funding for the construction or rehabilitation of more than 3,600 housing units statewide.

For more information on Helping HAND, 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 Jack Dalrymple, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, oversees the NDHFA.

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