

Helping HAND Grants Approved

BISMARCK –The Industrial Commission of North Dakota approved the distribution of \$250,000 in grant funds through the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency’s Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND) Program today.

“These grant dollars will help address the housing needs of individuals with lower-incomes," said Gov. John Hoeven. "Investing in housing rehabilitation programs and construction projects is important to maintaining the quality of life our citizens deserve."

“The funds are used in conjunction with local housing program dollars to help boost a community’s ability to address critical housing needs,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “In the past, rehabilitation of existing housing has been the most common usage of the money.”

“Since 1993, the NDHFA has awarded more than \$2 million in grants through the Helping HAND Program,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

Distribution of the \$250,000 was approved as follows:

Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Williston.....	\$9,606
Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Dickinson	\$12,826
Community Action Opportunities, Inc., Minot	\$25,885
Community Action Program Region 7, Bismarck.....	\$34,831
Community Action Region IV, Jamestown.....	\$19,421
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake	\$22,957
Red River Valley Community Action Agency, Grand Forks	\$25,443
Southeast ND Community Action Agency, Fargo	\$34,031
Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity, Bismarck.....	\$8,930
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, Fargo.....	\$8,930
Northern Lights Habitat for Humanity, Minot	\$7,140
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

Helping HAND grant dollars can be used to support single- or multi-family housing projects. A nominal local match of 25 percent is required to access the grant dollars. The money cannot be used for an organization’s general operating expenses, and it must be utilized within 12 months of grant notification. The funds distributed to North Dakota Community Action Agencies are based proportionately on regional population below poverty level.

For more information about the Helping HAND Program, contact your local community action agency or the NDHFA at (701) 328-8080, 1-800-292-8621, 1-800-366-6888 (TTY) or 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. No state general funds are used in support of NDHFA programs.