COMMISSION APPROVES ALLOCATION OF HOUSING GRANTS

BISMARCK, ND - Non-profit organizations statewide will benefit from housing program dollars that were authorized today by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will distribute more than $205,000 through its Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND) program.

"Helping HAND dollars address the housing needs of lower-income individuals and families by providing the grant recipients with flexible funding that can be used to provide for the greatest local housing needs," commission members said in a joint statement. The Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. Jack Dalrymple as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees NDHFA.

The 2016 funds will be distributed as follows:

Community Action Partnership, Dickinson/Williston $15,769
Community Action Partnership, Minot $19,545
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake $19,614
Red River Valley Community Action, Grand Forks $29,325
Southeastern ND Community Action Agency, Fargo $47,484
Community Action Region VI, Jamestown $12,986
Community Action Program Region VII, Inc, Bismarck $32,277
Trenton Indian Service Area, Trenton $9,166
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt $9,166
Red River Valley Habitat for Humanity, Grand Forks $3,750
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, Moorhead $3,750
Rebuilding Together, Bismarck/Mandan $1,000
Rebuilding Together, Fargo/Moorhead $1,000
Camp of the Cross Ministries- Dream Catchers, Garrison $1,000

Funded by agency earnings, the Helping HAND program has leveraged over $27.6 million since 2000 for the construction or rehabilitation of more than 4,900 housing units statewide.

Grant recipients are encouraged to use the program dollars to benefit the largest number of households possible. A local match of 25 percent is required to access the funds. Helping HAND grants are most often used to support housing weatherization and rehabilitation projects. All of the funds must be utilized for projects in North Dakota.

NDHFA is a self-supporting state agency dedicated to making housing affordable for all North Dakotans. For more information on Helping HAND, contact NDHFA at (800) 292-8621 or hfainfo@nd.gov.

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