Industrial Commission approves distribution of housing grants

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Industrial Commission has authorized the distribution of more than $197,000 to organizations statewide through Helping Housing Across North Dakota (Helping HAND). North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) administers the program.

“Helping HAND allows community action agencies, tribal housing authorities and other nonprofit organizations to quickly address the unmet housing needs of lower-income individuals and families,” 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 the agency.

The 2014 funds will be distributed as follows:

Community Action Program Region VII, Bismarck……………………………………..$31,125
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake………………………………..$20,126
Community Action Partnership, Dickinson/Williston ................................……..$15,491
Southeastern ND Community Action Agency, Fargo................................……….$46,204
Red River Valley Community Action, Grand Forks................................……….$29,608
Community Action Region VI, Jamestown ................................................……….$14,002
Community Action Partnership, Minot........................................................…...$20,444
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt................................................…...$9,166
Red River Valley Habitat for Humanity, Grand Forks................................……..$3,000
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, Moorhead................................................…...$3,000
Habitat for Humanity Northern Lights, Minot................................................…...$3,000
Rebuilding Together, Fargo/Moorhead........................................................…...$1,000
Camp of the Cross Ministries/Dream Catchers, Garrison........................……….$1,000

Funded by agency earnings, Helping HAND has leveraged more than $26 million since 2000 for the construction or rehabilitation of more than 4,500 housing units statewide.

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

For more information on Helping HAND, contact NDHFA at (800) 292-8621 or visit www.ndhfa.org.

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