



# INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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## COMMISSION APPROVES HELPING HAND GRANT DISTRIBUTION

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

“Helping HAND dollars support the housing needs of North Dakota’s lower-incomes families,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “Used in conjunction with local resources, the funds boost a community’s ability to improve single and multifamily dwellings for people and families in need.”

“Over the past three years, the Housing Finance Agency has provided funds to rehabilitate or construct more than 1,000 housing units,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Under Helping HAND, North Dakota is making safe, decent and affordable housing a reality, not just a dream, for lower-income families.”

“Since the Helping HAND program began, more than \$10 million has been leveraged to address the housing needs of lower-income households,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “The most popular use of the program dollars is the rehabilitation of existing properties.”

Distribution of the 2006 program dollars was approved as follows:

Christmas in April, Bismarck/Mandan.....	\$2,500
Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Williston.....	\$8,867
Community Action & Development Program, Inc., Dickinson .....	\$11,682
Community Action Opportunities, Inc., Minot .....	\$25,205
Community Action Program Region 7, Bismarck .....	\$33,661
Community Action Region IV, Jamestown .....	\$17,079
Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Devils Lake.....	\$21,428
Red River Valley Community Action Agency, Grand Forks .....	\$24,840
Southeast ND Community Action Agency, Fargo.....	\$37,238
Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity .....	\$6,250
Missouri Valley Habitat for Humanity, Bismarck.....	\$6,250
Northern Lights Habitat for Humanity, Minot .....	\$6,250
Richland-Wilkin Community Habitat for Humanity, Wahpeton .....	\$6,250
Standing Rock/Sitting Bull College/HIP Program, Fort Yates .....	\$10,625
Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town .....	\$10,625
Trenton Indian Service Area, Trenton .....	\$10,625
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt.....	\$10,625

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The Helping HAND program requires a nominal local match of 25 percent 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. Community Action Agencies and Native American grantees are encouraged to use funding to benefit the largest number of households.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees NDHFA. For more information about the agency or the Helping HAND program, contact NDHFA at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621 or (800) 366-6888 (TTY). Information is also available online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org).

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