REHAB ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING

BISMARCK – The Rehab Accessibility Program (RAP), offering grant dollars for the renovation of properties occupied by low-income people with physical disabilities, has received funding approval from the Industrial Commission. RAP is administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA).

“RAP grants complement the agency’s mission to provide safe and affordable housing for all North Dakotans,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “Funds can be used to upgrade both single and multifamily housing for people with disabilities.”

“Improvements made with program dollars must address the accessibility needs of household members with physical disabilities,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “Examples of qualifying renovations include wheelchair ramps, audio and visual smoke detectors, chair lifts and door hardware.”

“The rehabilitation grants will provide an affordable way to help qualifying tenants or homeowners remove barriers and turn a house into an accessible and comfortable home,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

The lower-income status of tenants or homeowners must be certified at the time of application. The households benefiting from the rehabilitation grants must earn 80 percent or less than the county median income adjusted for family size. A minimum dollar-for-dollar match is required to be eligible for the program. A maximum of $2,500 may be awarded with a limit of one grant per single or multifamily property in the calendar year.

For an application or more information on RAP funding, contact Warren Hintz of the NDHFA at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621 or (800) 366-6888 (TTY), or Robin Hendrickson of the DHS at (701) 328-8932. Information is also available online at 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 NDHFA.

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