REHAB ACCESSIBILITY FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ASSIST DISABLED

BISMARCK - The Industrial Commission approved the distribution of $100,000 in Rehab Accessibility Program (RAP) funds today.

Administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA), RAP dollars can be used to renovate single and multifamily properties occupied by low-income people with physical disabilities. Improvements include wheelchair ramps, door levers, walk-in/roll-in showers, grab bars and wider doorways.

“This grant program helps to keep our seniors in their own homes,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “We intend to continue to find ways to enable individuals to stay in their homes as they age.”

“The rehabilitation grants help lower-income individuals afford the property improvements necessary to create housing that best suits their needs,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “The grants are funded with Housing Finance Agency earnings”

“RAP funding complements the Agency’s mission to enhance the quality of life for all North Dakotans,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “Approximately 25 families are expected to benefit from the funding during the coming year.”

Recipients of the program dollars can earn no more than 80 percent of the county median income. A maximum of $4,000 may be awarded with a limit of one grant per single or multifamily property in a fiscal year. Matching funds of at least 25 percent of the total project cost are required.

For an application or more information on the RAP funding, contact Nancy Rice at the NDHFA, (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621 or (800) 366-6888 (TTY). 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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