Application Deadline Extended For Rental Rehab Funds

BISMARCK – The application deadline for the Rental Rehab Assistance Program (RRAP) has been extended to November 3. Applications must be received by close of business at the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA). These grant funds may only be used to address the needs of very low-income people who have physical disabilities. Approximately $41,000 in grant funding is available to owners of rental property.

“Individuals who have a physical disability may qualify for funding to make existing rental property more accessible,” Gov. Ed Schafer said. “Rental housing must be upgraded to continue to meet accessibility needs.”

“Nonprofit applicants making improvements that benefit individuals participating in North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Division programs will be given preference,” said Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp. “Applications that include at least a dollar-for-dollar match will also receive greater consideration.”

“Grant funds may be used to build ramps, install door openers, audio and visual smoke detectors, walk-in showers, chair lifts, kitchen faucets, door hardware, and similar items to make apartments more accessible for individuals with disabilities,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson.

For an application or more information about the Rental Rehab Assistance Program, contact the Housing Finance Agency directly at (701) 328-8080, 1-800-292-8621, or 1-800-366-6888 (TTY) or Robin Hendrickson at the Department of Human services at (701) 328-8932 or Bill Harmsen at Vocational Rehabilitation at (701) 328-3999. Information is also available on the NDHFA web page at www.ndhfa.state.nd.us.

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota consisting of Gov. Edward T. Schafer, as Chairman, Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp, and Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson.

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