

Rental Rehab Funds Awarded

Bismarck – The Industrial Commission has approved 10 grants totaling \$36,524 to modify existing rental units to meet the needs of people with physical disabilities.

“These grant funds allow owners to make existing rental property more accessible for individuals who have disabilities and to enable these individuals to remain independent in their own apartments,” said Gov. John Hoeven.

“Funds will be used to make sidewalks and parking lots accessible, build ramps, install door openers, remodel kitchens, widen hallways, add walk-in showers, make bathrooms accessible, and other similar items necessary to make apartments more accessible for individuals with disabilities,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

“Priority was given to applicants making improvements that benefit individuals participating in the North Dakota Department of Human Services developmental disabilities and vocational rehabilitation programs,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “The applications approved included a minimum of a dollar-for-dollar match and, in fact, the total matching funding exceeded \$55,000.”

The grants were awarded to Fraser, Ltd., (\$12,274) Fargo; Milton R. Heupel, (\$7,400) Bismarck; Mouse River Homes, Inc., (\$9,603) Westhope; Velva Rental Housing, (\$1,229) Velva; Tower City Development Corp., (\$2,926) Tower City; Rock Lake Housing Authority, (\$700) Rock Lake; Aneta Homes, Inc., (\$1,000) Aneta; and Ellendale Community Development Corp., (\$1,392) Ellendale.

The grants are funded by the Rental Rehab Assistance Program, administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA), to address rental housing needs of very low-income individuals.

For more information about the Rental Rehab Assistance Program or other NDHFA programs contact the Housing Finance Agency directly at (701) 328-8080, 1-800-292-8621, 1-800-366-6888 (TTY) or through the Internet at www.ndhfa.org.

The Housing Finance Agency is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

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