RENTAL REHAB GRANTS DOLLARS AWARDED

BISMARCK – The State Industrial Commission has approved seven Rental Rehab Assistance Program (RRAP) grants.

"These rental rehab grant funds will help in our efforts to ensure existing rental property is more accessible for low income individuals with disabilities," said Gov. Hoeven. "Working together, property owners and state agencies are making a difference in the lives of our citizens."

"Funds will be used to install door openers, repair sidewalks, upgrade elevators, extend driveways, add walk-in showers, and make other similar property improvements that address the needs and safety of people who have physical disabilities," said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

"Priority is given to improvements that benefit individuals participating in the North Dakota Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation programs," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. "Applications approved included a minimum dollar-for-dollar match and, therefore, these RRAP grants are leveraged to allow for more funding of these needed improvements."

Grant dollars were awarded to:

- Fraser, Ltd., Fargo $8,584.50
- Spaces for Living, Inc., Grand Forks $13,750 (three properties)
- Minot Vocational Workshop, Minot $7,400
- Lake Region Corporation, Devils Lake $2,300 (two properties)

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) administers RRAP. A total of 14 applications were received. Non-profit organizations received priority over for-profit organizations in the selection process.

For more information about RRAP or other NDHFA programs contact the NDHFA at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, (800) 366-6888 (TTY) or visit us online at www.ndhfa.org.

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

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