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South Dakota Communities Awarded More than \$416,000 in Housing Grants

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Two South Dakota communities, Sioux Falls and Veblen, recently received a total of \$416,288 in housing grants. The funds, which do not have to be repaid, were awarded through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines' (FHLB Des Moines) Affordable Housing Program. More than 65 units of affordable housing will be created for low-income individuals and families.

Bank member financial institutions partner with community development organizations to compete for AHP grants. These grants provide assistance to persons at or below 80 percent of the median income and can be used for down payment, closing and rehabilitation cost assistance in both rural and urban areas. FHLB Des Moines' AHP helps fund single-family or multifamily rental or homeownership initiatives.

The following projects were funded in South Dakota:

- Home Federal Bank partnered with DakotAbilities and received a \$192,000 grant for the acquisition/rehabilitation of two single story group homes into 20 low income units. Fifteen of the units are for disabled persons. The project also includes construction of two new single story homes containing 12 units for disabled individuals.
- Home Federal Bank partnered with Habitat for Humanity-South Dakota and received a \$168,000 grant for construction of 26 new homes and acquisition/rehabilitation of two existing homes in urban and rural areas and on Native American trust land.
- First State Bank partnered with Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program in Veblen and received a \$56,288 grant for the rehabilitation of an eight-unit USDA Rural Development Section 515 project targeting elderly and Native Americans in rural South Dakota.

Since the program began in 1990, the Bank has made a significant contribution to affordable housing in South Dakota, awarding over \$14 million to nearly 100 projects creating over 2,850 housing units.

For more information, contact the Bank's Community Investment Department at 800.544.3452, ext. 1173 or visit the Bank's website at www.fhlbmdm.com.

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