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## **Canby HRA Receives Grant to Address Changing Population's Housing Needs**

**St. Paul, Minn. (December 21, 2007)** – This month, the Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) awarded the Canby Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) a \$5,000 grant to identify the city's housing needs in light of its changing population. Canby, like many other cities in rural Minnesota, has experienced significant demographic changes recently. Over the past seven years, the community has experienced manufacturer closings, middle-aged resident out-migration along with senior, school-age, and ethnically-diverse in-migration. MHP's grant will supplement Canby HRA's majority contribution towards the costs of the housing study.

The Minnesota Housing Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP provides local governments and nonprofit housing organizations access to loans, grants, and technical expertise to plan and construct housing, in addition to advocating and educating people on sound housing policies. MHP's work in Greater Minnesota is primarily supported by The McKnight Foundation.

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