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## **HUD Chooses MHP for Technical Assistance Award for 11<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

St. Paul, Minn. (March 26, 2007) - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced two grants totaling \$192,000 have been awarded to Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) for the delivery of technical assistance to affordable housing providers across the state. The HUD Community Development Technical Assistance awards, given to national and state-based organizations across the country, assist local communities to produce more affordable housing, better serve persons who are homeless, and more effectively assist persons living with HIV/AIDS.

"This is about making government work better and smarter," said Alfonso Jackson, secretary of HUD, on the agency's Web site. "These technical assistance grants will give local housing and service providers the tools they need to do what they do best—help people," Jackson continued.

MHP has been HUD's sole Minnesota-based provider since the program began in 1996. "MHP ensures these resources address Minnesota's unique housing and homelessness needs," said Liz Juelich, MHP's Capacity Building Manager. "HUD's award enables MHP to provide critical expertise to local programs."

The awards will support a range of activities including support and training for community housing development organizations (CHDOs) and homeless assistance programs.

MHP carries out its HUD technical assistance program in partnership with the two Minnesota offices of Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the Corporation for Supportive Housing. These three agencies coordinate to ensure that all types of nonprofit and public housing agencies benefit from the HUD program.

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 educating people on sound housing policies.

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