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MHP Awards \$13,000 in Grants to Support Housing Efforts in Three Counties

St. Paul, Minn. (October 2, 2008) – Today, the Minnesota Housing Partnership awarded the Bluff Country HRA a \$10,000 grant and the Kandiyohi County HRA a \$3,000 grant to help address the shortage of affordable housing in Greater Minnesota.

Bluff Country plans to use its award to assess the current housing needs of Fillmore and Houston counties given recent changes in the economy and the cost of living. A housing study is also needed because Bluff Country serves the epicenter of the severe flooding that struck Southeastern Minnesota in August, 2007.

Kandiyohi will use its award to create a joint strategic plan with Willmar HRA. The plan will help determine how the two organizations can share resources and increase efficiency while continuing to meet the needs of their respective service areas.

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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