



# Focuses on Housing

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## **FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD ALLOW MORE PEOPLE TO OWN HOMES**

Thanks to the 100 percent support of Michigan's congressional delegation, Congress has a golden opportunity to create new housing opportunities for tens of thousands of low- and moderate-income families throughout the nation and in Michigan. Without creating any new program or asking for any appropriation of federal money, the legislation would simply eliminate obsolete provisions in the two principal federal programs that finance the production of affordable housing – Mortgage Revenue Bonds (MRBs) and the Housing Credit. Many people qualified to receive both rental and mortgage help can't get it because a few obsolete program provisions enacted before 1989 prevent it. The bill, H.R. 951, known as the Housing Bond and Credit Modernization and Fairness Act, would allow greater access to affordable housing in Michigan.

## **MEDIA FLASHES**

**Annual Report Available** – The 35th anniversary issue of MSHDA's 2001 annual report is printed and available. To obtain a copy of the report, contact MSHDA's Communications Office at (517) 335-2006 and one will be mailed to you. You may also request a copy by mail: 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912, or through our Web site at [www.mshda.org](http://www.mshda.org). The report may also be viewed on the Web site. It contains annual production figures, average annual incomes of program recipients, grant amounts, a financial report, and other items of interest regarding the Authority's activity during the past fiscal year.

**New Address for MSHDA's Lansing Office** – MSHDA's new address is 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912. The post office box remains P. O. Box 30044, and if included in the address, the zip code is 48909. Telephone numbers remain the same in most cases, however, some FAX #s changed. Please make a note of the address change in your records.

**Just a Reminder** – We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state of Michigan is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

**Media Survey Reminder** – Thanks to all of you who have completed and returned the media survey mailed with last month's "Focus on Housing." Though the return rate is good, we encourage any of you who haven't yet completed a survey to do so and return it to us as soon as possible. Address corrections are being made as we receive them, however, some have not yet been made. If you have questions or need another questionnaire mailed to you, please contact our Communications Office at (517) 335-2006.

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**Fourth Annual Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing Planned for June** – Planning is well under way for this year’s affordable housing conference to be held at the Lansing Center June 10 - 12, 2002. The 2nd largest of its kind in the nation, the conference theme this year is “Partners Building Communities.” MSHDA and 27 partners committed to furthering the affordable housing cause in Michigan are planning the 2002 conference that will feature five informative learning tracks which include a wide range of breakout sessions, national keynote speakers, unique entertainment, and more. More than 1,200 attendees from around the state are expected to attend, and we invite all members of the media to attend as well. For further information or to make a media request or recommendation, please contact the Communications Office at (517) 335-2006.

**MSHDA GRANTS**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contact Telephone #</b>
Community Housing Initiatives/HOME/Niles	\$500,000	616-683-5699
Greater Niles CDC/HOME	\$400,000	616-683-5699
City of Niles/CDBG	\$ 61,000	616-683-4700
Lighthouse Communities/HOME/Grand Rapids	\$201,028	616-451-9140
U.P Community Services/HOME/Iron Mountain	\$500,000	906-774-2256
Ottawa County/CDBG	\$450,000	616-393-5603
Village of Cassopolis/CDBG	\$370,000	616-445-8648
Van Buren County/CDBG	\$175,000	616-657-8243
Benzie County/CDBG	\$225,000	231-882-9671
Missaukee County/CDBG	\$225,000	231-839-4967
Wexford County/CDBG	\$300,000	231-779-9462
Huron County/CDBG	\$200,000	989-269-8242
Sanilac County/CDBG	\$225,000	810-648-2933
Tuscola County/CDBG	\$250,000	989-672-3700
Eaton County/CDBG	\$450,000	517-485-6444
Montcalm County/CDBG	\$412,500	517-831-7397
Iosco County/CDBG	\$175,000	517-984-1000

**MSHDA’S DECEMBER SINGLE FAMILY AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION**

	<b>Number of Housing Units</b>	<b>Dollar Amount</b>
Single Family	65	\$4,366,796
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	94	\$ 7,034,201
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	36	\$ 518,691

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