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## **SIXTH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD**

### **Conference is Now the Largest of its Kind in the Nation**

The Sixth Annual Affordable Housing Conference took place May 17-19 at the Lansing Center, with over 1,500 housing specialists and advocates in attendance. Thanks to the record attendance, the conference has officially achieved the status of largest of its kind in the nation. The conference addressed some of the most pressing housing problems facing Michigan citizens. At the awards banquet, the Terrence R. Duvernay Award was presented to Linda Smith, executive director of U-SNAP-BAC in Detroit. Smith has worked at U-SNAP-BAC since 1995, where she exemplifies a commitment to Detroit, its housing and its community development needs. Mark your calendar for next year's affordable housing conference to be held at the Lansing Center May 16-18, 2005.

## **MSHDA APPROVES \$8 MILLION IN LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS TO IMPROVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRESSED AREAS**

A total of 674 units of affordable rental housing will be built or renovated for modest-income Michigan families, the elderly, people with disabilities, and those at risk of homelessness as a result of almost \$8.1 million in federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits approved by MSHDA. All of the tax credit dollars were awarded in distressed areas and rural communities throughout the state, bringing additional affordable rental housing to areas suffering from severe economic strain. In addition, a portion of the total award will provide units of rental housing for disabled Michigan residents as well as those individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) also plays a key role in bolstering the state's economy through job creation. The Authority awards Low Income Housing Tax Credits twice a year, with the next round to be announced in fall 2004. For a list of tax credit projects and their locations, go to [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda) and click on "Developers & Contractors."

## **HOMELESS GRANTS AWARDED**

More than 60,000 homeless people in Michigan will benefit from \$7.6 million in grants awarded by MSHDA. A total of 203 organizations representing 60 Continuum of Care areas serving all 83 Michigan counties will share over \$7 million in combined MSHDA and federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding. The grants were awarded by MSHDA through the "Continuum of Care" planning model. The grants will provide support for ongoing programs, homelessness prevention activities, and supportive services such as counseling, child care, transportation, housing placement and employment training. Grants totaling \$455,500 to help provide emergency homeless shelter in rural areas also were awarded by MSHDA. The grants were awarded through the Rural Homeless Initiative, created by MSHDA to enhance the capacity of rural communities to provide safe, effective and sustainable emergency shelter to homeless individuals and households. The funding is designed to support innovative shelter programs that utilize scattered-site emergency housing and services in rural areas that have no existing shelter facilities.

**For more information, contact MSHDA's Community Development division at (517) 373-1974.**

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**MSHDA GRANTS**

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contact Telephone #</u>
<b>CDBG</b>		
Alger County	\$150,000	(906) 387-2076
City of Alma	\$341,400	(989) 463-8356
Bay County	\$300,000	(989) 895-4138
Berrien County	\$300,000	(269) 983-7111
Benzie County	\$150,000	(231) 882-9671
Clinton County	\$275,000	(989) 224-5120
City of Coldwater	\$256,000	(517) 279-9501
Crawford County	\$225,000	(989) 348-3513
City of Gladstone	\$243,900	(906) 428-2311
Gladwin County	\$262,500	(989) 426-5721
Gogebic County	\$175,000	(906) 667-0411
Grand Traverse County	\$450,000	(231) 922-4780
Hillsdale County	\$225,000	(517) 437-3932
Huron County	\$300,000	(989) 269-8242
Iosco County	\$262,500	(989) 984-1000
Iron County	\$225,000	(906) 875-3301
City of Ironwood	\$97,500	(906) 932-5050
Luce County	\$125,000	(906) 293-5521
Manistee County	\$262,500	(231) 723-4575
Mason County	\$175,000	(231) 843-7999
Missaukee County	\$300,000	(231) 839-4967
Montcalm County	\$275,000	(989) 831-7300
Newaygo County	\$225,000	(231) 689-2100
Osceola County	\$175,000	(231) 832-6196
Ottawa County	\$450,000	(616) 393-5697
Saginaw County	\$300,000	(989) 797-6800
Sanilac County	\$182,900	(810) 648-2933
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**MSHDA'S MAY HOMEBUYER AND  
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION**

	<u>Number of Housing Units</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Single Family	36	\$ 2,695,893
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	66	\$ 5,471,008
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	13	\$ 125,049

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