



Focuses on Housing

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MSHDA Announces the Michigan Housing Locator—Web site to Assist Renters and Landlords in Locating and Listing Properties

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) announces www.MichiganHousingLocator.com. This tool is a Web site devoted exclusively to assisting residents in finding affordable housing and giving property owners a marketing tool for their entire rental portfolio. The Web site is free to both renters and landlords. It is very simple to navigate and register property information, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Landlords begin by following a simple 10 to 15 minute set-up process, which involves entering all property details and amenities. The site includes several great features including the display of unlimited floor plans and photos, and the ability to attach an application and lease. Property owners and managers also have the ability to receive renter-inquiries directly to their email accounts, easily identify both subsidized and market rate units, and track statistics on visitors viewing their property listings.

The Michigan Housing Locator gives renters a full picture of the properties available in their price range, and will become the main source for Section 8 Voucher holders to find out which landlords will accept their Vouchers.

MSHDA partnered with many industry leaders including the Michigan Housing Council, the Property Management Association of Michigan and Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, to ensure the success of the Michigan Housing Locator site. This tool is the best source around for renters and landlords to connect easily and quickly based on several different components including, income, location and amenities.

Michigan's 9th Annual Conference on Affordable Housing—April 30-May 2, 2007

The Ninth Annual Conference on Affordable Housing will take place April 30 - May 2, 2007 at the Lansing Center. The Conference will again offer many exciting and educational tracks to engage attendees. The event is hosted by many state agencies in an effort to provide attendees with the most accurate and beneficial information possible. To learn more about this year's conference or to register to attend, please visit the conference Web site at: www.housingconference.org

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MSHDA GRANTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contact Telephone #</u>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT		
Dickinson County	\$175,000	(906) 774-2256
Village of Caro	\$182,915	(989) 673-4121
Roscommon County	\$175,000	(989) 275-8306
HOME CD		
HOME of Mackinac County	\$300,000	(906) 643-6239
Lighthouse Communities, Inc.	\$305,145	(616) 451-9140
Greater Lansing Housing Coalition	\$200,000	
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, Inc.	\$185,220	(989) 386-3805
Genesee County Land Bank Authority	\$304,500	(517) 668-0099
MSHDA CRITICAL NEEDS		
Flint Odyssey House, Inc.	\$9,390	(810) 238-0483
Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries	\$10,000	(313) 993-4700
MSHDA HOMELESS FACILITIES		
New Center Community Mental Health Services	\$42,000	(313) 961-3072
Dawn Farm	\$111,100	(734) 485-8725

MSHDA'S DECEMBER PRODUCTION FIGURES

<u>MSHDA Program</u>	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Homeownership	75	\$ 7,335,417.00
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	67	\$ 6,296,566.00
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	12	\$ 164,107.94

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 MSHDA's many affordable housing options is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

MSHDA PUBLICATIONS

MSHDA Focuses on Housing is published monthly and is available on the MSHDA Web site, www.michigan.gov/mshda. Click on "about MSHDA" and go to *Publications*. To receive more information about any of the above information please go to the Web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda or contact the Communications office at 517-373-0011.

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