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\$2.1 Million in Homeowner Rehab Assistance Awarded to 11 Kansas Communities

Topeka, KS (Dec. 6, 2006) - The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation is pleased to announce that eleven Kansas communities will share \$2.1 million in Homeowner Rehabilitation (HR) assistance awards. Funded through the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the HR awards are distributed to cities and counties to facilitate the renovation, accessibility and weatherization of existing housing within their communities.

"Homeowner Rehab grants are critical in providing a comfortable and safe environment for hundreds of Kansas families who otherwise can't afford such basic repairs to their homes," said Tom Hastert, Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Manager. "Local municipalities will be able to repair or rehabilitate nearly 102 owner-occupied single family homes with the help of the grants awarded today."

The local communities HR assistance comes in the form of a deferred loan and allows homeowners to make repairs, bring their home up to code and eliminate other health and safety hazards. Home improvements may include.

- Repair or replacement of major housing systems and structural components
- Essential energy related repairs or improvements
- Accessibility modifications to allow use by persons with disabilities
- Reduction of lead paint hazards
- Repairs necessary to meet housing quality standards and local building codes

Eligible persons are those who reside in the home as their principal residence and whose household income is no more than 80 percent of the area median gross annual income. Interested homeowners may apply directly to the local communities receiving HR funding.

A complete list of communities receiving homeowner rehab awards may be found online at <http://www.kshousingcorp.org/display/files/HR/2006HRAwardsList.pdf>. Priority is given to communities that target elderly homeowners, persons with disabilities, and families with school-age children.

For more information about the Homeowner Rehabilitation program, please contact Tom Hastert, HR Program Manager at 785-296-6836. Certain restrictions apply. Applicants should consult [KHRC's website](#) for details.

Homeowner Rehabilitation grants advance KHRC's primary goal of enhancing Kansas communities with housing opportunities using a variety of strategies and approaches, including increasing homeownership opportunities, promoting energy efficiency improvements for owner-occupied and rental housing and providing affordable housing through rent assistance to low-income families and senior citizens.

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