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State Awards \$485,000 to Dakota County CDA for Preservation of Affordable Housing

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has awarded \$485,000 to the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) to assist in upgrading affordable scattered site public housing. The funding award was made on January 29 as part of a \$5 million investment by the State of Minnesota to preserve public housing stock across the state.

The funding will help the CDA correct foundations to prevent water intrusion, improve heating and cooling ventilation and install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors at scattered site units located throughout Dakota County. It will also assist the CDA in leveraging other local financial resources to use for additional capital improvement efforts.

“The CDA greatly appreciates the leadership of Governor Tim Pawlenty and support of the State Legislature to help fill the gap between the need for capital improvements and the limited federal funding available,” stated CDA Executive Director Mark Ulfers.

“For years, the federal government has been underfunding capital improvements for public housing and this financial commitment from Minnesota Housing will help to continue providing critical housing that is safe, affordable and an asset to communities.”

The CDA manages 244 units of scattered site public housing providing affordable housing for families and disabled households earning less than 80% of area median income. For more information about the program, visit www.dakotacda.org.

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