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Community agencies receive \$2 million in home repair funds

Missouri Housing Development Commission approved the allocation of \$2 million of Federal HOME funds to not-for-profit entities for home repair in non-metro areas of the state during their meeting Dec. 15 in Jefferson City. The agencies have applied for funding under the 2007 Home Repair Opportunities program (HeRO) [includes agency service areas].

- **City of Cape Girardeau** **\$150,000**
(Cape Girardeau)
- **Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation** \$560,000
(Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard)
(* 280,000 set-aside for City of Caruthersville)
- **East Missouri Action Agency** \$150,000
(Bollinger, Madison, Perry, Iron, Cape Girardeau, St Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Washington)
- **Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area** \$150,000
(Jasper County, including city of Joplin)
- **Green Hills Community Action Agency** \$100,000
(Caldwell, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan)
- **Harry S. Truman Community Development Corporation** \$150,000
(Newton County)
- **Meramec Regional Planning Commission** \$150,000
(Washington, Crawford)
- **North East Community Action Corporation** \$250,000
(Lewis, Macon, Monroe, Marion, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby)
- **Ozark Action, inc.** \$150,000
(Howell, Douglas, Oregon, Ozark, Texas, Wright)
- **Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation** \$40,000
(Barry, Dade, Dallas, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney)
- **West Central Missouri Community Action Agency** \$150,000
(Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, St. Clair, Vernon)

For the past four years, MHDC's Homeownership Department has operated a rural home repair program using federal HOME funds. The program operates through a network of experienced local home repair providers. Each of these organizations has experienced staff and longstanding home repair programs for low-income families in Missouri.

HeRO funds can be used for repairing owner-occupied structures in non-metro areas. The maximum income for participants in any Missouri county is usually between \$35,500 and \$51,600 for a family of four. Participating agencies can provide more information about the income limits. Eligible homeowners may receive cash assistance up to \$20,000 for repairs.

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