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Missouri Agencies Receive \$4.4 Million in Homeless Support Funding from HUD

Kansas City - The Obama Administration announced July 7 that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is allocating approximately \$190 million to more than 550 new projects throughout the United States that will assist thousands of individuals and families who are homeless.

The Balance of State Continuum of Care, comprised of the 101 rural counties of Missouri, is led by Missouri Housing Development Commission and assists agencies in these areas with securing HUD funding to be used to serve the state's homeless population. The Balance of State Continuum of Care was awarded \$1.399 million in new funding for FY 2011, which will be used for the operation of permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, supportive services and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS).

In December 2009, over 100 social service agencies throughout the state of Missouri were allocated \$23 million for homeless services funding. The Balance of State Continuum of Care, was allocated \$3.13 million of the \$1.4 billion in funding from HUD for this funding.

The 14 counties of Missouri not included in the Balance of State Continuum of Care serve the more metropolitan areas of the state. These counties receive funding through their own continua, serving the St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles, Springfield, Joplin, Kansas City and St. Joseph areas. Including these continua, Missouri will receive a total of more than \$4.4 million in new funding for services that target the homeless individuals and families in the state.

MHDC is an instrumentality of the state of Missouri, which constitutes a body corporate and politic. It is governed by a board of directors that includes the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state treasurer and six commissioners appointed by the governor. The commission makes funds available for rental housing developments, preservation of affordable rental housing, home mortgages, home improvement loans, grants to neighborhood housing groups and other housing programs. MHDC functions as a bank, providing financing directly to developers or through a network of private lending institutions.

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