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## **MHP Awards \$19,500 to Assist Four Greater Minnesota Communities Develop Affordable Homes**

**St. Paul, Minn. (August 17, 2007)** – On August 17, Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) awarded the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (on behalf of Mora and Paynesville), the City of Pelican Rapids, and Gaylord Economic Development Authority (EDA) grants totaling \$19,500 to help these communities identify and meet their housing needs. The awards continue MHP's commitment to help small communities in Greater Minnesota increase their capacity to provide homes for all their residents.

"MHP is proud to support local organizations' ability to increase the supply and variety of homes affordable in Greater Minnesota," says Shannon Guernsey, vice president of programs at MHP. "Locally-created solutions have long-term results."

Central Minnesota Housing Partnership will use its \$2,000 grant to help develop a housing plan for Mora and Paynesville. The City of Pelican Rapids will use its \$7,500 award to study housing needs associated with the addition of approximately 100 new jobs in the area. Gaylord EDA will use its \$10,000 grant to assess redevelopment and rehabilitation options for the Gaylord Mobile Home Park, which has aging infrastructure and considerable maintenance needs.

The Minnesota Housing Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP provides local governments and nonprofit housing organizations access to loans, grants, and technical expertise to plan and construct housing, in addition to advocating and educating people on sound housing policies. MHP's work in Greater Minnesota is primarily supported by The McKnight Foundation.

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