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## Hubbard County HRA Secures Funding to Address Area Housing Needs

**St. Paul, Minn. (February 14, 2008)** – This month, Minnesota Housing Partnership awarded Hubbard County HRA a \$10,000 grant to do a county-wide housing study to identify the area's affordable housing needs. The funds will also be used to hire Headwaters Regional Development Commission to create an action plan based on the study.

Hubbard County has a median income of \$35,321 and experience a 23 percent population increase between 1990 and 2000. The area's significant population growth and low median income have increased the demand for affordable housing.

In January, Hubbard County Commission, acknowledging the areas housing shortage, passed a \$200,000 levy to support affordable housing development and renovation. Hubbard County HRA has also received support from Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Northwest Minnesota Foundation, and Headwaters Regional Development Commission to assist in the planning process.

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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