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\$2.7 Million Awarded for Homeless Prevention in all 15 Arizona Counties *Over 6,000 households to be served*

(Phoenix) - The Arizona Department of Housing has announced 23 funding awards, totaling more than \$2.7 million from the State Housing Trust Fund, for homeless prevention programs in all 15 Arizona counties. The funding announced today is a twenty-percent increase over awards announced last year and will assist over 6,000 Arizona households. Homeless prevention programs temporarily assist low-income persons with mortgage and rental payment assistance, rental and utility security deposit assistance, hotel/motel vouchers, and utility payment assistance during times of economic distress.

"Prevention is a key component to the Interagency and Community Council on Homelessness' plan to keeping families stable in their existing homes, and is less costly than having to provide crisis services later on," said Governor Janet Napolitano. The Governor created the Council by executive order in June of 2004 to develop and implement a plan to prevent and end homelessness in the State of Arizona.

"Prevention must be the first line of defense in ending homelessness in Arizona. This year the Department has increased funding for this vital program by twenty-percent," said Dr. Sheila Harris, Director of the Arizona Department of Housing and co-chair of the Interagency and Community Council on Homelessness.

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Homeless prevention program grants are awarded on an annual basis to local governments, faith based organizations and nonprofit agencies that provide case management, including housing counseling and financial assistance, to individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The grants announced today will assist in funding programs through June 2007. State homeless programs across the country estimate that \$2.50 is saved for every \$1.00 invested in prevention strategies like eviction and foreclosure prevention.

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) was established to promote safe and affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income individuals. The State Housing Trust Fund, administered by the ADOH, is a critical financing tool available to support the entire spectrum of responses to housing issues in Arizona. For further information about ADOH or the Interagency and Community Council on Homelessness, please visit www.housingaz.com.

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Program Award List

Recipient	Service Area	Total Award	Estimated Households to be Served
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Maricopa County	\$80,000	240
Arizona Housing and Prevention Services	Pima County	\$103,325	125
Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless	Cochise County	\$75,000	150
Catholic Charities of Holbrook	Navajo County	\$56,000	100
Catholic Charities Community Services	Yavapai County	\$173,735	214
Coconino County Community Services	Coconino County	\$177,947	352
Community Housing Partnership	Maricopa County	\$30,000	60
Concerned Citizens for Community Health	City of Scottsdale	\$50,000	56
Gila County Community Services	Gila County	\$90,095	350
Labors Community Service	Maricopa County	\$89,137	575
Maricopa County Community Services	Maricopa County	\$158,792	251
Mesa Community Action Network	Mesa	\$72,484	154
Navajo Housing Authority	Tribal Land in Navajo, Apache, and Coconino counties	\$101,500	260
Parenting Arizona	Navajo County	\$44,000	225
Phoenix, City of	City Phoenix	\$170,863	326
Pima County Community Services	Pima County	\$160,000	268
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Maricopa County	\$85,000	348
SouthEastern AZ CAP, Inc.	Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz counties	\$223,318	193
Western AZ Council of Governments	Yuma, La Paz counties	\$212,852	387
White Mountain Catholic Charities	Navajo County	\$75,838	150
Community Action Human Resources Agency	Pinal County	\$204,297	553
Mohave County Community and Economic Development	Mohave County	\$193,741	287
Old Concho Community Assistance Center	Apache County	\$131,198	444
Total		\$2,759,122	6,068

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