



Community Development....

Developing Communities Through Technical Assistance

During Fiscal Year 2002, the staff of the Community Development Division of NEMCSA continued efforts in furthering the development of communities through a variety of programs offered. More than \$11 million in funding was brought in to communities through the efforts of this division. Following is a brief glimpse of what has been done.

Continuum of Care Systems

Community Development staff have been involved in each Homeless Continuum of Care system in the region. Through these continuums, funds have been brought into the area for programs to assist people who are homeless or in danger of homelessness. In FY 2002, with the assistance of NEMCSA, nearly a half a million dollars was received through these groups.

Arenac Continuum of Care

- MSHDA C of C Allocation \$ 39,400
- MSHDA Special Rural Housing Initiative 30,000

Cheboygan County Housing & Homeless Coalition

- MSHDA C of C Allocation 38,600

COOR Housing Coalition

- MSHDA C of C Allocation 78,700

Northeast Michigan Coalition for the Prevention of Homelessness and Hunger

- MSHDA C of C Allocation \$191,800
- MSHDA/Council of Michigan Foundations Challenge Grant 25,000

Otsego Continuum of Care

- MSHDA C of C Allocation 91,600

TOTAL.....\$495,100

Northeast Michigan Coalition for the Prevention of Homelessness and Hunger hosted a Walk for Warmth in November 2002 to increase awareness of homeless issues and raise money for utility assistance in its five-county area. Approximately \$2,800 was raised.

Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP)

During FY 2002, Community Development staff assisted 14 communities with water and sewer issues. Through NEMCSA's grant writing assistance, more than \$5.8 million was brought in to these communities for the creation of water and sewer infrastructure.

Onaway	\$ 5,800,000
Presque Isle Conservation District	92,000

TOTAL.....\$ 5,892,000

Agency Grant Writing

During FY 2002, Community Development staff assisted in the writing of grants to fund programs within the agency. Over \$4 million was awarded to Michigan Works! North and South.

TOTAL.....\$ 4,277,275

Individual Development Accounts

In FY 2002, Community Development staff enrolled 8 people in the individual development account (IDA) program. Since then, participants have used their savings and match funds to purchase four homes and two have pursued higher education

Matching funds disbursed	\$ 10,000
Participant savings disbursed	4,000

Totals to date:

Participant savings	\$ 6,207
Match funds earned	17,208

TOTAL Combined\$ 23,415

Housing Technical Assistance

Area counties benefited from the housing technical assistance and grant preparation offered by NEMCSA. In FY 2002, over \$1 million was received by five northeast Michigan counties.

Federal Housing Preservation Grants

Alpena County	\$39,396
Arenac County	39,296
Crawford County	39,296
Oscoda County	39,296

Community Development Block Grants

Alcona County	\$225,000
Alpena County	200,000
Arenac County	225,000
Otsego County	262,500

TOTAL.....\$1,069,684