

STATE SENATOR • JIM BARCIA • 31ST DISTRICT

Barcia Press Release

P.O. Box 30036 • Lansing • Michigan • 48909-7536 • 517-373-1777 • Fax: 517-373-5871
E-mail: senjbarcia@senate.michigan.gov • www.senate.mi.gov/barcia



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Mar 7, 2008

Contact: Sen Jim Barcia
Phone: (517) 373-1777

SEN. BARCIA PRAISES \$30,000 MSHDA GRANT TO LOCAL HOUSING AGENCY

LANSING - Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) today praised the awarding of \$30,000 in Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) grants to Bay Area Housing, Inc. Bay Area Housing will use Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) General Operating funds to continue their housing activities in the City of Bay City. The grant award is part of MSHDA's Housing Resource Fund.

"The current housing slump in Michigan makes funding for housing improvements even more significant," Sen. Barcia said. "Bay Area Housing is to be lauded for their contributions to provide quality housing for low and moderate income families and for being recognized by MSHDA to continue their mission. They are creating jobs, building community, and making our area a better place to live."

Bay Area Housing, Inc. was established in 1993 to provide affordable housing for persons of low and moderate income and to combat community blight and deterioration by undertaking and assisting community revitalization efforts in Bay County.

Bay Area Housing, Inc. has three programs to assist in their mission: The Homebuyer Purchase/Rehabilitation program, the Acquisition Development/Resale program, and the Neighborhood Preservation Project. In addition, homebuyer counseling is given to potential homebuyers in the community who participate in Bay Area Housing, Inc.'s and other agency down payment assistance programs.

###