

## Harkin Announces \$335,000 for Housing Counseling Services in Iowa

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – (December 23, 2010) - Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today announced that Iowa will receive \$335,000 for housing counseling programs across the state. The grants were made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support a variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners and low-to-moderate income renters as well as the homeless. The programs improve financial literacy, expand homeownership opportunities, improve access to affordable housing and preserve homeownership.

“Housing is one of our most basic needs, but in this economic downturn, quality, affordable housing is sometimes harder to find and for many, even harder to maintain;” said Harkin. “These counseling programs provide an invaluable resource by offering a wide variety of assistance to a good cross-section of the population. Coupled with the cold weather and the holiday season, this financial support comes at a critical time and will do a world of good.”

Details of each award are as follows:

United Neighbors, Inc. in Davenport – \$35,000

Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc. (HOME, Inc.) in Des Moines – \$44,340.85

Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines – \$166,486.41

Center for Siouxland in Sioux City – \$45,324.10

Family Management Credit Counselors, Inc. in Waterloo – \$43,849.23