

Harkin Announces More than \$1,000,000 to Help Iowans Become More Economically Self-Sufficient

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) today announced that a total of \$1,034,954 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be coming to thirteen communities across Iowa. These funds will provide assistance to public and private groups to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy and to reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance that these individuals are now receiving. Harkin is a Senior Member of the Appropriations Committee that allocates funding for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“I am pleased to see that so many Iowans will have access to assistance designed to help them become self-sufficient and no longer in need of government help,” said Harkin. “It is very important for Iowans to know how to both spend wisely and be able to increase their incomes. This funding is designed to help individuals do just that.”

The funds are provided by the HUD Housing Choice Voucher-Family Self Sufficiency Program. The FSS program and the FSS NOFA support the department’s strategic goal of utilizing housing as a platform for improving quality of life by helping HUD-assisted renters increase economic security and self-sufficiency.

Details of those receiving the grants are below.

- Central Iowa Region Housing Authority, \$57,529
- City of Cedar Rapids, \$138,000
- City of Des Moines Municipal Agency, \$132,973
- City of Dubuque Housing and CD Department, \$63,478
- City of Sioux City Housing Authority, \$138,000
- Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority, \$133,940
- Iowa City Housing Authority, \$54,394
- Mid Iowa Regional Housing Authority \$47,055
- Municipal Housing Agency of Council Bluffs, \$85,570
- City of Muscatine, \$55,309

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- Region XII Regional Housing Authority, \$45,000
- Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority, \$43,850