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Entry Name – **Federal Housing Programs:  
a critical source of housing in Montana**

## **2012 NCSHA ANNUAL AWARDS FOR PROGRAM EXCELLENCE**

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In an effort to show the importance of affordable housing in our state, the Montana Board of Housing has created a guide to showcase and highlight federally-funded affordable housing in Montana. The title of this guide is “Federal Housing Programs: a critical source of housing in Montana.”

Our idea is that if our representatives in Washington will pick up this guide and flip through the pages, they will see towns and counties where their family, friends and constituents live. As they read further, they will see properties that they recognize as important housing inventory across Montana. We’re certain readers will realize federally-funded housing programs provide much-needed housing across our state, and that everyone will begin to understand the significance of the properties listed.

It is our hope that this guide, and the stories within, will stay with our representatives, when they are confronted with decisions regarding affordable housing. This resource provides critical information, and we hope it will create better-informed decision makers, who feel personally engaged in affordable housing issues.

Each page contains information and pictures for every multifamily property, constructed or rehabilitated, with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME Program, Project-based Section 8, and/or USDA Rural Development. For the pages that list LIHTC properties, we also included the jobs and revenue created for the community in the first year and in recurring years, using the Nation Association of Homebuilders Model.

The guide is divided into tabbed sections, with a tab for Montana, and one for each of the 56 counties that make up the state. There is also a tab for each of the seven Native American Reservations in Montana.

Within each tabbed page, there is a summary of affordable housing units. For example, the Montana tabbed page includes the totals for each of the following: MBOH Mortgages, MBOH

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Reverse Annuity Mortgages, Housing Choice Vouchers, Shelter Plus Vouchers, VASH Vouchers, Moderate Rehabilitation Units, LIHTC Units, PBS8 Units, HOME Program Units, PHA Units, PHA Vouchers, PHA Shelter Plus Vouchers, PHA VASH Vouchers, Mutual Help Units, Low Rent Units, Homebuyer Assistance, USDA RD Multifamily Units.

The Appendix section of our book contains clear descriptions of each federally-funded Housing Program. We have also provided is also a map that shows the number of Housing Choice Vouchers allotted to each region of the state and the number of families on the Waitlist for that region. There is a map that shows the location and basic information about the Moderate Rehabilitation Program units in Montana. Lastly, there is information about the study done by the National Association of Home Builders which allows for an estimate of the jobs created and the revenue created for a community in the first year of construction of a LIHTC Multifamily property and the recurring jobs and revenue that result.

In our efforts to make this document as publically accessible as possible, we are featuring this document on our website. We plan to continually update the guide as additional housing is built. Our ultimate goal is to find ways to better educate and influence, not only our representatives in Montana, but Montanans as a whole.

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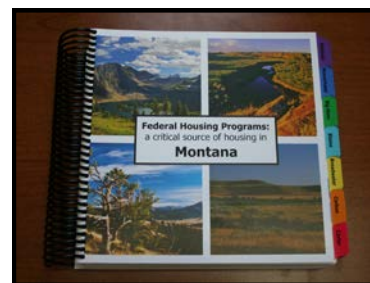
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We printed 25 of these books, knowing that it would increase the impact and increase the likelihood that our Federal Representatives would sit and look through it, but at a cost of nearly \$75 we will offer it to the rest of the world via our website:

I am unable to provide printed copies to the NCSHA judges, so please click the link below.

<http://housing.mt.gov/content/FAR/HCT/docs/FederalHousingProgramsInMontana.pdf>

I also provide these images, so that you can get an idea how the printed document looks.



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