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Staff News

The Division Welcomes New Employee!



Jim Smallridge has recently joined the Division's Las Vegas's Weatherization Program as Compliance Auditor Inspector II.

Before joining the Division, Jim was employed by HELP of Southern Nevada's Weatherization Program.

Jim has been a 30-year resident of Las Vegas moving to Las Vegas from Albuquerque. Prior to entering into the weatherization field, Jim spent most of his career working in support of activities at the Nevada's Test Site.

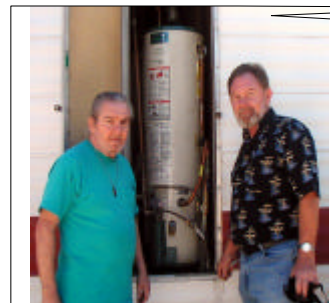
Jim says, "I really have enjoyed learning about weatherization. It's rewarding helping some of our state's most needy population. In some cases, it's a real eye opener."

In his spare time, enjoys bicycling, sailing, fishing, and land sailing.

On Jim's first day at the Housing Division, he visited with John Christian who re-

cently had extensive weatherization work completed on his manufactured home.

Christian purchased his manufactured house 16 months ago and quickly discovered he had high heating and electric bills. Christian who is a disabled veteran retired from the



U.S. Marines sought weatherization assistance. "My power bills were outrageous," said Christian, "I had to do something."

His weatherization improvements included coating his roof with a urethane foam, replacing his furnace, installing new doors, a programmable thermostat, energy efficient light bulbs, wrapping the plumbing and duct system, and repairing the water heater cabinet.

"Since all of that has been done, my utility bills have been cut in half," said Christian.

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Mark Your Calendar:

December 13, 2005

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Advisory Committee on

Housing

Public Teleconference Meeting

Bradley Building
2501 E. Sahara Avenue
2nd Floor Conference Room
Las Vegas

Dept. of Business & Industry
Conference Room
788 Fairview Drive
Carson City

January 12, 2006

"Where I Live" Children's Art
Contest Exhibit/Program/Reception
The Venetian Resort Hotel & Casino

October — Energy Awareness Month



October was Energy Awareness Month. This year's theme promoted smart energy choices, reminding everyone to switch off unnecessary lights, unplug electrical "drains," use efficient ENERGY STAR® products, and take public transportation, when applicable.

Not only in October, but every day of the year, energy efficiency should be part of our daily routine. Family household cost savings and protecting our environment for future generations are important. By reducing our dependency on fossil fuels, we, as a nation, are helping to provide for stronger economic opportunities and a cleaner environment in each of our communities.

Governor Guinn Proclaims October 30 Weatherization Day Governor tours NHD Weatherization Project



Nick Tolotti, left, of Citizens for Affordable Homes describes to Gov. Guinn weatherization improvements.

Many served by this Program are senior citizens who reside in manufactured housing. Currently the Division's Weatherization Program has five service providers (Subgrantees) who serve all areas of the state.

Approximately 69% of the program's eligible households reside in Clark County which is served by HELP of Southern Nevada and serves all of Clark County except the City of Henderson which is served by the City of Henderson's Neighborhood Services.

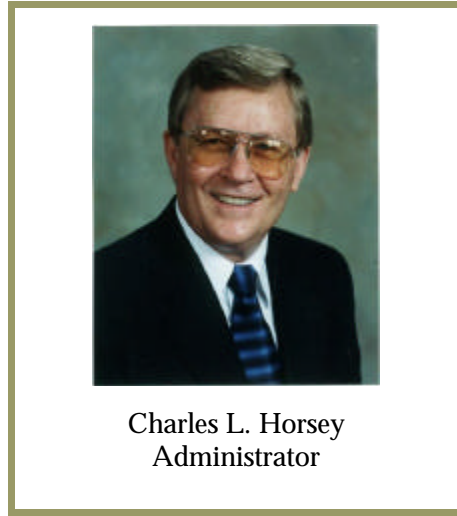
Of the remaining 31%, approximately 16% of the program's eligible households are located in Washoe County, served by the Community Services Agency located in Reno.

The remaining 15% of eligible households are located throughout the rural areas of the state and are served by Citizens for Affordable Homes in Carson City and Rural Nevada Development Corporation in Ely. (See page 3 for subgrantee contact information.)

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From the Administrator



Charles L. Horsey
Administrator

Providing affordability measures for our targeted populations

With the recent release of the Division's First Time Homebuyer Program and Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Programs, combined with the Weatherization Program servicing the very-low income, the Division's goals of helping those in need of affordable housing measures are being realized.

The Weatherization Program is a very beneficial program for Nevada's very low-income residents. With this year's anticipated cost of fuel set to soar this winter, seniors living on fixed incomes cannot bear Nevada's projected 30% rise in natural gas heating bills. The Weatherization Program gives our eligible clients energy conservation improvements reducing their utility bills and freeing up their spending dollars on other necessities such as food and prescription medicines while the First Time Homebuyer Program allows many to achieve the American dream of owning their own home.

Charles L. Horsey



NHD mandatory energy required workshops were held for all tax credit awards.

First Time Homebuyer Program

The Division kicked off the release of its new First Time Homebuyer Program on October 20 by conducting an informational meeting and training session for interested parties and lenders. The session was conducted by both the Division and Countrywide Home Loans, who will be the program administrator and master servicer for the new program. The event was held at the Las Vegas FannieMae Partnership Office.

The new program offers to low- and moderate-income first time homebuyers a below-market fixed interest rate 30-year loan with additional assistance available for down payment and closing costs.

First Time Homebuyer Program

For more information, go to

www.nvhousing.state.nv.us

click on programs and then

click on First Time Homebuyer Program.

Tax Credit Program Requires Mandatory Energy Requirement Workshops

Art Thurner, NHD's Chief of Federal Programs, standing (picture at left) observes the training session for tax credit awardees. The 2006 Nevada QAP includes a number of material changes which will have some of the nations most forward Green Concepts in the Plan reflecting some of the most effective energy standards in the U.S. and a Dept. of Energy Energy Star® rating.

The Energy Requirement Workshops are mandatory for all tax credit awards. The workshops make developers familiar with the Energy Star® requirements including the inspections and testing procedures. The Nevada Plan requires that buildings meet a 86 REM (Residential Energy Measure) or greater. Nevada has a comprehensive plan that details specs for mechanical systems, building envelope, appliances, and hot water conservation.

The Weatherization Program Helps Those In Need

The Weatherization Assistance Program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. The Housing Division's Weatherization Program is funded by the U.S. Depart. of Energy with contributions from the Housing Division's Low Income Housing Trust Fund and the Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation. During the last four years, the Housing Division's Weatherization Assistance Program has served more than 5,100 low-income Nevada families.

Weatherization assistance is provided free of charge to homeowners or renters who reside in single-family homes, multifamily buildings, or manufactured homes, and have an annual gross income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Annual income limits are: \$14,355 for a one-person household; \$19,245 for a two people; \$24,135 for three people; \$29,025 for four people; \$33,915 for five people; and \$38,805 for six people.

Art Thurner, chief of federal programs for the Housing Division said, "The success of the Program can be directly attributed to the good working relationship the Division has with the five Subgrantees who together serve the entire state. They work directly within their targeted communities, responding to inquiries and assessing the eligibility of the client and the energy conservation improvements needed."



Rita Shaba, of the City of Henderson's Neighborhood Services, inspects new AC unit installed at Debbie Lahn's mobile home. Debbie was homeless before being given the home by the mobile home park management.



Gov. Guinn congratulates Patricia Buckler on her future energy savings due to weatherization improvements on her Carson City mobile home. Chas Horsey, left background, and Art Thurner, of NHD, look on.



HELP of Southern NV. client, John Christian, shows off new insulated door installed on his mobile home.

Testimonial from Rural Nevada Development Corp.'s client:

"I would like to thank you for what your organization has done for me. I believe that this program is a good program that helps people improve their environment. It helps save energy costs. It definitely lowers the heating and cooling bill. The things you have done for me with my house will decrease my utility bills."

James Patchett

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