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**JOHNSON ANNOUNCES \$1.2 MILLION TO HELP OHIOANS BUILD  
AND KEEP THEIR HOMES**

COLUMBUS – Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson today announced that grants totaling \$1.2 million have been awarded to Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Greater Cleveland and Habitat for Humanity of Ohio. The grants are from the Low and Moderate Income Ohio Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Discretionary Grant program and will be used to create and expand housing services and opportunities for low- and moderate-income families.

“Each Ohioan is entitled to a safe and comfortable home,” said Lt. Governor Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “I’m confident that this funding will help these organizations develop programs and assist in creating affordable housing for Ohio’s low- and moderate-income families.”

The NHS will receive \$1 million to assist in the creation of the Ohio Home Rescue Fund, a foreclosure prevention fund. The NHS and 11 other nonprofit organizations, have developed the Fund as part of a larger foreclosure prevention initiative that includes a public education campaign; marketing and outreach efforts; telephone and face-to-face counseling; loss mitigations for the community, lenders and homeowners; and training for nonprofit counselors and consumers. The project will provide assistance to approximately 333 low- and moderate-income families in Ohio that are in danger of losing their homes through foreclosure.

Habitat for Humanity will receive \$200,000 to assist 20 local affiliates located throughout Ohio. The affiliates are expected to construct 20 single-family homes and assist 20 families consisting of approximately 54 people.

The HTF Discretionary Grant Program provides funding to eligible organizations to create housing opportunities, expand housing services and improve housing conditions for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. These programs were approved for funding today by the State Controlling Board.

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