



# Prairie View

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### **Prairie View Receives \$100,000 Rental Assistance Grant**

Newton, Kan. – Prairie View has received a \$100,000 Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) grant from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), according to Brad Schmidt, director of adult residential services.

Prairie View is one of nine Kansas agencies who will share the \$1.1 million in TBRA awards.

Residents of Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties experiencing a severe mental illness will benefit from the grant.

“Tenant Based Rental Assistance provides our clients with the means to maintain one of the most basic human needs: a safe, decent, affordable place to call home,” said Schmidt. “For a person receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), affordable housing is almost always out of reach. This grant will allow us to close the affordability gap by sharing the responsibility of rent-paying with the tenant.”

According to KHRC, TBRA awards are funded through the federal HOME Investment Partnerships program which allows organizations to provide rental subsidies, utility deposits and security deposits to income-eligible individuals and families.

These funds will provide up to two years of rental subsidy assistance. Households will generally pay no more than 30 percent of their income for rent.

Funding is available January 2008.

This is the seventh TBRA grant Prairie View has received since 1995, totaling \$980,000.

“We are very excited about the positive relationship that has continued to develop between the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation and Prairie View,” said Schmidt.

In addition to administering rental assistance, Prairie View also offers a semi-independent “shared living” program and an interim housing program, and provides landlord/tenant education to clients and community partners.

For more information about the grant or services provided by Prairie View’s Community Support Program, contact Schmidt at 316-281-6790.

Prairie View is the state’s largest private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus and outpatient offices in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita. A provider of services for over 50 years, it is guided by a strong tradition of Christian caring and is a not-for-profit organization.