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NECAC TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR HUD HOUSING RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The not-for profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) will resume taking applications on January 19, 2011 beginning at 8 AM and closing at 5 PM. for the HUD Section 8 Housing Rent-Assistance program in Pike County and 10 other counties it serves. NECAC has contracted with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for over 30 years to administer the program and currently manages over 2,700 HUD rental vouchers throughout its 12 county service area.

The agency has not been able to accept applications since January, 2010 due to all program vouchers being fully issued with all monies allocated. Applications for the Section 8 program will be accepted at NECAC County Service Centers in Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Shelby and Warren Counties. St. Charles County is not included at this time.

Applicants who meet the federal income and other guidelines will be put on a waiting list. Once their names reach the top of the list, they will receive a renter certificate to search for an apartment, house or mobile home. The certificate holder may use their current place of residence if their landlord agrees to participate in the program.

NECAC provides certificate holders with a list of local landlords who participate in the program. The certificate holders are responsible for making contact, applying for and signing an annual lease with the landlord. The potential tenant will have up to 60 days to locate housing – after that time the certificate becomes void. The amount of the rent payment subsidy depends upon the individual or family income, size of family and the unit they select.

Preference will be given to families who live or work in the county where they make application and those who plan to live or work there. Proof of residency must be provided at the time of application. Acceptable forms of proof are Social Security/SSI

award letter, check stubs, current bank statement or utility bills. More information about the program is available by calling or visiting one of the following NECAC County Service Centers from 8 AM to 5 PM or call the NECAC Rent Assistance Program in Bowling Green toll free at 1-866-552-5560.

- Lewis County, 408 South 4th street, Canton, MO 573-288-3969
- Lincoln County, 11 Woodcrest Drive, Troy, MO 636-528-7604
- Macon County, 907 Hwy PP, Suite, Macon, MO 660-385-4616
- Marion County, 3518 Palmyra Road, Hannibal, MO 573-221-7166
- Monroe County, 314 North Washington, Paris, MO 660-327-4110
- Montgomery County, 137 Farnen, Montgomery City, MO 573-564-3606
- Pike County, 805 Bus. Hwy. 61 North, Bowling Green, MO 573-324-2207
- Ralls County, 411 Main Street, New London, MO 573-985-2411
- Randolph County, 1210 Hwy 24 West, Moberly, MO 660-263-6595
- Shelby County, 104 East 3rd Street, Shelbyville, MO 573-633-2210
- Warren County, 120 East Main Street, Warrenton, MO 636-456-8191
- Vandalia/Farber (Cuivre Township only), apply/contact the Pike County office.

NECAC is a 12-county area non-profit social services, community health and public housing Community Action Agency that serve the low income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged through partnership contracts and grants with federal, state and local governments, private businesses and other non-profit organizations.

The agency's Central Administration offices are located in Bowling Green with NECAC County Service Centers operated in each county. NECAC administers and operates over 60 service programs with over 30 funding sources and services more than 7,250 low income families and 18,751 individuals a year.