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## Borrower Profile: HAP, Hampden Hampshire Housing Partnership

HAP, Inc. is a regional housing partnership for Hampden and Hampshire Counties in western Massachusetts. Founded in 1972, HAP is a multi-dimensional agency whose activities include a wide variety of programs and services that have as their central theme the improvement of housing conditions for low and moderate-income people. HAP's role is to be a resource to expand and facilitate access to affordable housing opportunities

services for homeless families and HAP provides transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and pregnant and parenting teens. As a regional Housing Consumer Education Center, HAP provides a variety of housing counseling and

other community-based or service provider organizations. HAP manages more than 400 rental units throughout the region.

In 2006, HAP was awarded grants from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and the Home Depot



information services to more than 6,000 tenants, rental property owners, homebuyers, and homeowners annually.

HAP, Inc. has been actively involved in affordable housing development for more than 20 years, participating in the development of 38 completed projects for a total of 845 units. Projects involve rehabilitation and new construction and range from single-family homes to large multi-family buildings.

Populations served include lower-income families, single individuals, farm-worker families, pregnant and parenting teens, individuals with developmental disabilities, physical handicaps, and/or mental illness, and the elderly. Many projects are undertaken as part of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategies and/or in partnership with

Foundation to support the creation of new green, affordable housing. HAP and other nonprofits will use these funds for renewable energy systems and the incremental costs associated with green building upgrades for homes that meet or exceed Energy Star standards.

A Coop Fund line of credit has been instrumental in facilitating HAP's ongoing efforts to upgrade the infrastructure that supports our various programs and services. For example, it has provided capital for equipment, software, and communications and technology upgrades, allowing HAP to keep up with technological advances.

throughout the region, working cooperatively with others to identify housing needs and develop and implement innovative strategies to meet those needs.

HAP's current activities include providing rental assistance to more than 4,400 families under voucher programs. HAP's Prospect House provides emergency shelter and