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#### **Gov. Whitman Announces New Recipients Of Faith-Based Community Development Grants**

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced a new round of grants that will enable faith-based organizations to provide a broad range of neighborhood revitalization and social service programs across the state.

The \$1.65 million in grants will be distributed among 27 faith-based organizations, funding programs such as day care, job readiness training, and senior citizen services.

The Governor's Faith-Based Community Development Initiative is the first such program of its kind in the nation. Gov. Whitman said the initiative recognizes the unique and crucial role that religious leaders and organizations play in revitalizing neighborhoods and assisting people in need.

"New Jersey's faith-based organizations do so much to help the people of our state," Gov. Whitman said. "Through these grants, we are making it possible for them to expand the important work they are doing in their communities."

The one-year grants announced today went to Christian, Jewish and inter-faith organizations located in Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey. [See attached list.]

The Faith-Based Initiative does not directly fund churches, synagogues or mosques. Rather, the funding goes to separate, nonprofit agencies established by the houses of worship to manage community development and social service activities. Any house of worship that formed a community development corporation was eligible to apply to the Department of Community Affairs for funding.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs selected the recipients after a competitive application process. A total of 73 faith-based groups applied for funding, said DCA Commissioner Jane M. Kenny. The 27 groups that were selected will receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

"We looked for geographic diversity, religious diversity and innovative programs," Commissioner Kenny said. "The organizations selected touch all New Jersey urban, suburban and rural, North, South and Central. All New Jersey benefits from their work." Kenny noted that all groups to receive funding will be monitored by DCA a minimum of two times during the year to see that they are meeting the goals set forth in their applications.

The first round of grants, announced last December, committed a total of \$3.45 million to 36 faith-based organizations in the state. An additional \$5 million has been placed in the state budget to continue the Faith Based Community Development Initiative in Fiscal Year 2000.

**Faith-Based Community Development Initiative  
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<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDED \$'S</u></b>
AHOME	Millville	\$70,000
Antioch CDC	New Brunswick	\$5,000
Bethlehem CDC	East Orange	\$5,000
Center for Great Expectations	Somerville	\$10,000
Christ Church CDC	Hackensack	\$50,000
Christian Caring Center	Browns Mills	\$5,000
Clear View CDC	Newark	\$90,000
Coastal Caregivers	Pt. Pleasant Beach	\$50,000
Communities of Faith for Housing	Hoboken	\$65,000
Ebenezer CDC	New Brunswick	\$75,000
Elijah's Promise	New Brunswick	\$90,000
Heart of Camden	Camden	\$35,000
Irvington Clergy Assn.	Irvington	\$10,000
Jewish Federation	Clifton/Passaic	\$35,000
Jewish Renaissance Foundation	Perth Amboy	\$70,000
Lakewood Community Services	Lakewood	\$150,000
Macedonia CDC	Trenton	\$90,000
Mercer County IHN	Mercer County	\$50,000
MIPH	Edison	\$75,000
Mizpah Inland Human Services	Hamilton (Atlantic Co.)	\$75,000
People's CDC	New Brunswick	\$95,000
Rainbow of Hope	Marlton	\$45,000
Shiloh Baptist CDC	Port Norris	\$90,000
St. Francis Family Services	Brant Beach	\$50,000
St. Matthew NIDA	Orange	\$80,000
Temple CDC	South Toms River	\$90,000
True Servant CDC	Trenton	\$95,000

