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Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credits

Delaware State Housing Authority recently announced the unveiling of the newly revamped Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA). The NAA Program gives state tax credits to businesses and individuals who pay Delaware State income taxes for donations to programs serving impoverished neighborhoods or serving low- and moderate-income families. In exchange for a qualified contribution, the NAA provides state tax credits equal to 50% of the investment to a maximum of \$100,000. For example: a \$20,000 contribution qualifies for \$10,000 in Delaware Tax Credits. Applications are accepted year round, and will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis. Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000) in credits are available each year.

"This program allows our community and business leaders to invest in their neighborhoods, which is of tremendous benefit to our state," Gov. Ruth Ann Minner said. "Revisions to the program also support the vision of Senator Margaret Rose Henry, who sponsored the NAA back in 2000."

DSHA Director Sandy Johnson commented, “This is truly a win-win program for everybody. We have the opportunity to infuse \$1 million of real funds into Delaware communities with \$500,000 in tax credits.”

The process includes:

- NAA application submitted to DSHA.
- Review and approval of taxpayer contribution to nonprofit organization.
- The taxpayer can apply the credits to any Delaware tax liability over a period of five years, or until the credits are fully utilized before the five-year deadline.

Communities and residents with low and moderate incomes will enjoy the benefits of expanded programs for education, community revitalization, affordable housing, crime prevention and job training to help them prosper and succeed in life. At the same time, businesses and individual taxpayers benefit from their reduced tax liability, their freedom of choice in how the funds are used, and their improved image in the community.

The minimum eligible investment is \$10,000 for corporate taxpayers and \$5,000 for individual taxpayers; the maximum tax credit available to any taxpayer is \$100,000. The assistance must meet the NAA Program definition as a qualified purpose, including any of the following: Community Services; Crime Prevention; Economic Development; Education; Affordable Housing, or Job Training.

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