

Essential Service Worker housing update
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Chairman Lee and members of the Budget Section:

As required under Century Code, I am here to provide a quarterly report on progress being made in reducing the number of housing units owned or master leased by cities, counties, school districts and other employers of Essential Service Workers (ESW).

There is no change from what I presented in December, which was that there are 480 units owned, 308 units master leased and 192 rent subsidies provided by ESW employers. Below is the breakdown between the employer types:

Type of Respondent	Number of Units Owned	Number of Units Master Leased	Number of Rent Subsidies Provided
City	40	26	136
County	51	15	22
First Responder*	20	21	16
Medical**	143	130	2
School Districts	226	116	16
Total	480	308	192

*Includes law enforcement, emergency medical services and fire departments

** Includes nursing facilities, hospitals and basic care facilities

In discussions with community leaders in Watford City, they indicated they would be phasing out 36 units owned by McKenzie County, the city of Watford City and the McKenzie County School District over the coming months.

Two projects that received conditional commitments of funds in 2015 returned their allocations. These two projects located in Williston and Ray were to have 117 ESW units. With this change, there will be 169 ESW units created this biennium. An allocation round will close at the end of March to award the returned funding as well as the \$5 million in Bank of North Dakota profits which was transferred to HIF earlier this year. The \$5 million portion is set aside for communities with populations of under 12,500 people.

As of February 25, NDHFA has issued \$26,801,695 in tax credits to contributors.