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West Virginia—Rural Housing Service

# Strategic Partners

## Joining Forces With the WV Council for Affordable & Rural Housing

### Outline Of Need:

There are a variety of technical and financial assistance providers that work to promote safe, decent and affordable housing for the residents of rural West Virginia. However, it is sometimes difficult to coordinate efforts that will result in the best possible outcome for the homeowner because of a lack of familiarity with other resource providers.

### How Rural Development Helped:

In May 2010, USDA Rural Development's multi-family housing specialists from across West Virginia participated in a meeting and educational session sponsored by the West Virginia Council for Affordable & Rural Housing (WVCARH) and USDA Rural Development (USDA RD). As part of the training, USDA RD Multi-Family Housing Specialists from across the state provided training on a variety of topics including Management Training on the Tenant Certification Process and Tenant Eligibility Requirements.

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Rural Housing Service

**Partners:** WV Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

**Congressional District:** WV-1, 2 & 3

### Demographics

- Participants included owners, management agents, regional/property managers, on-site managers and maintenance personnel

### Impact:

- Approximately 85 persons participated in this valuable training experience

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*Photo: USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Lewis presents an award during 2010 Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Training sponsored by the WV Council of Affordable & Rural Housing and USDA Rural Development.*

### The Results:

Approximately 85 participants came together including owners, management agents, regional/property managers, on-site managers and maintenance personnel to learn more about a variety of topics including Management and Fair Housing, Kitchen Appliance Repair, Reducing Insurance Risk and Time Management.

State Director Bobby Lewis attended the banquet and presented the Manager of the Year Awards. Mr. Lewis stated, "we must remember that these programs aren't really about us, they're about the families that we provide a home to. Their quality of life is what's important."

Due to the success of this event, WVCARH and USDA Rural Development are tentatively planning another training meeting to be held in the near future.

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