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Keene Housing Receives Grant to Improve Energy Efficiency

Keene, N.H. --- Monadnock Affordable Housing Corporation, a non-profit affiliate of Keene Housing (KH) received a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions at one of the non-profit's largest family properties.

The \$125,000 grant will help KH replace inefficient electric thermal storage units with high efficiency air-source heat pumps and install a solar array on the roofs at KH's Forest View property, a 38-unit family property in west Keene. The project will offset 58% of the current electricity used at Forest View and will save the housing authority nearly \$2.5 million over the life of the system. The Forest View project will include 801 solar panels that generate over 260,000 kilowatt-hours of solar electricity and offset approximately 137 tons of carbon pollution each year.

The Forest View project is a huge leap forward towards KH's goal of reducing energy and water consumption by 20% by the year 2025 and meeting all of its energy needs with renewables by 2035. "We are very grateful for the Charitable Foundation's support for this project which, we hope, will serve as a model for how we can leverage public-private funding to modernize our aging real estate portfolio," said Keene Housing executive director Joshua Meehan. "Each year we spend over \$1

million on utility bills. Every dollar we can save in energy costs is a dollar that we can redirect towards other property improvements, enhanced resident services and future affordable housing development.”

“The Charitable Foundation is proud to support this effort,” said Tym Rourke, a director in the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation’s Community Impact department. “Solar and other energy-efficiency measures help nonprofits become more sustainable and allow them to devote more resources to their critical missions: In this case, providing affordable housing to hundreds of people in the Monadnock region.”

About Keene Housing

Keene Housing provides access to high quality, affordable housing to over 1,000 low-and moderate-income individuals and families throughout New Hampshire’s Monadnock Region. Thanks to KH’s participation in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Moving to Work Demonstration (MTW), KH is able to design innovative programs that go beyond providing housing, delivering services that enrich residents’ lives and help them achieve greater economic independence. Learn more at keenehousing.org or call 603-352-6161.

About the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is New Hampshire’s statewide community foundation, founded in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire. The Foundation manages a growing collection of nearly 2,000 funds created by generous individuals, families and businesses, and awards nearly \$40 million in grants and more than \$6 million in scholarships every year. The Foundation works with generous and visionary citizens to maximize the power of their giving, supports great work happening in our communities and leads and collaborates on high-impact initiatives. For more information, please visit www.nhcf.org or call 603-225-6641.

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