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**NeighborImpact Receives \$115,500 Grant from NeighborWorks America**  
*Grant is a much-needed boost for NeighborImpact's efforts*

**Redmond, Or** — Today, NeighborImpact, a member of the national NeighborWorks® network, announced that it received \$115,500 in flexible grants from NeighborWorks® America, which will support NeighborImpact's affordable housing and community development activities including foreclosure prevention counseling, homebuyer education and counseling, and post purchase training classes, at a time when communities need investment most.

"This grant will support services for Central Oregon families and individuals who have been impacted by the current recession," states Sharon Miler, Executive Director of NeighborImpact. "We will continue to reach out and support members of our community with innovative programs that address their needs."

In 2012, NeighborWorks America will provide nearly \$50 million in grants to its national network of more than 230 nonprofit organizations operating in over 4,400 rural, urban, and suburban communities, including Central Oregon (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties). The grants will be used to revitalize and strengthen communities by providing counseling for homeowners on the brink of foreclosure; increasing the number of certified foreclosure and homeownership counselors through training; stabilizing areas hard-hit by the foreclosure and economic crisis by putting vacant properties back into productive use; empowering consumers through financial and homeownership education and counseling; creating homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families; and producing and managing affordable, high-quality rental properties.

"NeighborImpact helps individual homeowners in crisis determine what are their best options are moving forward, ranging from seeking a loan modification to attempting a short sale or deed in lieu," said Laura Fritz, Housing Director for NeighborImpact. "But in addition to working with struggling homeowners, our agency also helps first-time homebuyers learn about buying an affordable home that suits their needs. The drop in home prices has been a real opportunity for a new group of households to become homeowners."

"In FY 2011 alone, NeighborWorks America and its affiliated NeighborWorks network leveraged nearly \$4.2 billion in direct investment—a ratio of \$25 for each core funding dollar appropriated," said Eileen Fitzgerald, NeighborWorks® America. "As good stewards of taxpayer dollars, NeighborWorks® ensures our investments are working in ways that truly make a difference."

NeighborImpact is Central Oregon's lead agency for homeless services, child care resources, emergency food programs, homeownership, housing rehabilitation, Head Start, and self-help programs for the working poor. In 2011 NeighborImpact served more than 60,000 individuals as the community action agency serving Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties. For over 25 years, our community action



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programs have focused on building successful families by helping them with their basic needs, affordable housing, home ownership and training to increase life skills, work skills and financial literacy.

NeighborImpact is a member of the NeighborWorks network, which was created by NeighborWorks America to improve homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families, provide financial education and improve financial literacy, rebuild and repair properties; develop affordable multifamily units, and, use innovative strategies to improve safety and revitalize communities across the nation. Collectively, NeighborWorks America and the NeighborWorks network have been able to:

- Invest more than \$4.0 billion in America's urban, rural, and suburban communities in fiscal year 2011;
- Create the nation's largest force of certified homeownership education counselors and foreclosure intervention counselors;
- Provide housing and financial counseling and other assistance to nearly 260,000 families;
- Develop, own and manage over 90,000 affordable, high quality rental units;
- Help more than 13,000 families achieve homeownership
- Mobilize thousands of volunteers to revitalize communities.

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**About NeighborImpact:** Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit [www.neighborimpact.org](http://www.neighborimpact.org).

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