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HRDC purchases Pre-Manufactured Cottages to address housing needs in Gallatin, Park, and Meagher Counties.

The Human Resource Development Council of District IX (“HRDC”) today announced the purchase of 75 pre-manufactured cottages to help address affordable housing needs in the organization’s service area of Gallatin, Park, and Meagher Counties. HRDC is currently evaluating potential developments in communities with acute affordable housing needs, including Belgrade, Bozeman, and Livingston. If successful, the Belgrade development would accommodate approximately 50 of the units. The units are being temporarily stored at Westervelt Transport in Belgrade through a donation of space.

Special Projects Officer, Tracy Menuetz, had this to say about the cottages. “Affordable housing is an issue across the country and our service area is not immune to this problem. The opportunity to purchase these units and provide a very affordable housing solution for our community was timely and we want to make the most of it. We cannot thank Westervelt Transport enough for their patience and generosity in the temporary storage of the cottages and Big Sky Western Bank for helping to finance the acquisition.”

Inquiries about the usage of the units have been made since their arrival at the temporary storage site with some residents speculating that the cottages will be used for refugee resettlement. While HRDC provides services for all people regardless of circumstance it is not a refugee resettlement organization and will place the units where they will have the greatest impact on affordable housing within the HRDC scope of service.

For additional information on the cottages please visit www.thehrdc.org or contact Tracy Menuetz at 406-585-4890 or community@thehrdc.org

HRDC is a nonprofit Community Action Agency dedicated to *Building a Better Community*. To learn more about HRDC’s efforts to address affordable housing visit www.thehrdc.org.

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