



The Grand Rapids HUD office is offering organizations, agencies and/or individuals in West Michigan an opportunity to place your project on the map. The “Wall of Fame” in Grand Rapids was created to provide long lasting recognition to the contributions made by various partners and supporters of HUD’s mission, which includes but is not limited to increasing homeownership, ending homelessness, strengthening communities, providing affordable housing. It is our pleasure to announce that the search for nominees for the 2004 Wall of Fame is underway.

Please send us information about innovative initiatives your community, development, agency and/or neighborhood organization has set in action in 2004. Last year the Grand Rapids HUD office recognized nine creative projects that improved services in seven West Michigan communities.

Project names along with key organizations and/or communities inducted into the 2004 Wall of Fame will be honored with individual awards and a ceremony. Their names will also be included on a plaque that is displayed in the Grand Rapids HUD office, which will join other award winners from FY2001, FY2002 and FY2003. Inductees of the Wall of Fame will also be highlighted on the web where others can read about your award winning activities. This year’s celebration will occur on Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

The Grand Rapids HUD office want to see your efforts recognized. Our theme this year is ***“Mapping Neighborhood Success”***. We want to hear about the successes taking place in your area that help Michigan communities grow stronger.

Please feel free to distribute this information to any other agencies/organizations or groups you may be aware of that also want to promote their good works.

Attached is a template that describes the information we would like you to provide to us on or before January 20, 2005. Our selection committee will then review these materials and announce those qualifying ventures no later than January 31, 2005. Please contact Terri L. Sanchez, Operations Specialist with any questions at 616-456-2100, ext. 2111.

Attachment

## **APPLICATION FOR 2004 WALL OF FAME**

PROJECT NAME: *NOTE: Project/Program must be in operation and current at time of submittal.*

LOCATION:

HUD FUNDS:

OTHER FUNDING:

TOTAL PROJECT COST: (if applicable)

Cost Breakout:

ONE-SENTENCE SUMMARY:

DESCRIPTION:

(For example: Challenge, Process and Results/Impact on Neighborhood)

KEY INDIVIDUALS/CONTACTS:

*Please return applications to: Terri L. Sanchez, U.S. Dept. of HUD, 50 Louis St. NW, Grand Rapids 49503 no later than January 20, 2005.*