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Boley Centers, Inc.

**U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Announces Three Awards for Boley Centers, Inc.**

St. Petersburg, Florida, - July 14, 2010 - Boley Centers has been awarded three grants by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$3,278,988. These grants will allow for the construction and operation of 35 units of housing for people who have a mental illness and have low income. Twelve of the units will be set-aside for people who are also chronically homeless.

Two of the awards fall under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's HUD 811 Program which provides funding for supportive Housing and allows the residents to pay no more than one third of their income for rent. Within the State of Florida, there were only three HUD 811 Awards announced, all in Pinellas County: two went to Boley Centers and the third went to Abilities of Florida, Inc.

The award of \$1,816,200 provides funds for the construction of 14 one-bedroom units in St. Petersburg. The second award of \$1,167,600 provides funds for the construction of nine one-bedroom units in unincorporated Pinellas County.

Boley Centers' third award is funded through HUD's Continuum of Care program which provides housing and services for people who are homeless. This award of \$295,288 will provide funds for the construction and operation of 12 units of housing for people who have a mental illness and who are chronically homeless. The Continuum of Care program is coordinated locally by the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless.

Gary MacMath, President and CEO of Boley Centers had this to say about these awards, "Boley Centers is honored to receive these three HUD grants to further our mission to enrich the lives of people in recovery by providing the highest quality housing and services. We are also pleased to be part of the local economic recovery effort. With these grants Boley Centers is currently developing a total of 103 units of affordable housing with a construction budget of nearly \$10,000,000."

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Established in 1970, Boley Centers, Inc. serves persons with emotional, psychiatric and behavioral problems. With 42 housing and service center locations throughout Pinellas County, the organization comprises a wide variety of treatment, rehabilitation and vocational services; a network of living opportunities for over 1,000 individuals in community residences and apartments and a large staff of dedicated people assisting thousands of people to reach their highest level of self sufficiency. For more information about the Boley Centers and its services, please call (727) 821-4819 or visit www.boleycenters.org.