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MARYLAND HOUSING INSTITUTE SCORES MAJOR GRANT **\$350,000 to Expand Inclusionary Housing Effort**

Baltimore, MD – The Innovative Housing Institute, a Baltimore-based housing organization, has received a \$350,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to continue and expand its efforts to promote fair and affordable housing. The one-year grant to IHI builds on the organization's past housing initiatives and supports a more proactive push in civil rights enforcement and regional planning.

“The security and life chances that a family finds in an affordable home that offers access to employment and educational opportunity is a critical building block of a just society,” said Patrick O’B. Maier, Executive Director of IHI. “With the Ford Foundation’s continued generous support, IHI will continue to provide leadership and assistance to localities, community groups and organizations in the interest of promoting fair growth.”

Maier said that inclusionary housing and conscious changes in regional planning and adoption of equity strategies are an important part of providing access to affordable housing. The current crisis in housing has exacerbated the problem of providing affordable housing, he said, making the Ford Foundation grant even more important this year. (Inclusionary housing refers to municipal and county planning ordinances that require a given share of new construction be affordable by people with low to moderate incomes).

The grant to IHI is for one year, and will run through January 31, 2011.

About IHI

The Innovative Housing Institute, a Baltimore, MD-based non-profit organization, was created in 1996 by Bernard Tetreault and a team of housing professionals with extensive, successful experience in developing, financing and managing affordable housing in mixed income settings. IHI was founded to foster the provision of quality affordable housing in inclusive community settings. IHI carries out this mission by providing policy and programmatic expertise to local governments, private developers, housing agencies and community organizations, and by managing relocation programs that provide opportunities for families and individuals to live in healthy neighborhoods.

The National Inclusionary Housing Conference which IHI co-sponsors with the National Housing Conference, Business and Professional People for the Public Interest and PolicyLink is scheduled for November 3-5th 2010 at Loew’s L’Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington D.C. Additional information is available @inclusionary.org.

About the Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization. For more than half a century it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

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