



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:
Wick Swanton – MK Communications
312-822-0505; wswanton@mkcpr.com

HCBA Announces \$6,000 Grants for Energy-Efficiency Grants Expand on Current Energy Savers 1 and 2 Program

CHICAGO (May 19th, 2008) – With dramatic results from three successful Green Bungalow blocks demonstrating that owners who take basic energy conservation steps can save as much as \$2,000 per year on their heating/cooling and lighting bills, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association (HCBA) today announced that it is making grants available to owners of Certified Historic Bungalows to accomplish those savings.

Starting today, the HCBA will provide grants of up to \$6,000 to help homeowners pay for the house sealing, insulation and energy efficient heating cooling systems that have proved effective in reducing heating/cooling bills by as much as 40% each year.

Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA explained why the grant amount was increased from the previous level of \$3,000.

“We are very excited about the increase that reflects what we have learned from our Green Bungalows over the past few years. With more than 100 homes fully retrofitted, we know what it takes to make a home energy efficient and therefore homeownership more affordable – for the benefit of owner and community alike.”

Under the expanded Bungalow energy\$avers Program, homeowners can apply for grants to cover most of their energy efficiency needs including insulation, new heating and cooling systems, hot water heaters, replacement of doors and windows, and installation of water saving devices such as low flow faucets and shower heads, and dual flush toilets.

To be eligible for the grant, the home must be **certified** as a Historic Chicago Bungalow with the HCBA. Certification is free and simple – only a picture of the front and back of the home and proof of ownership is required. Grant applications for the energy\$avers Program are available by contacting the HCBA at (312) 642-9900 or bungalow@chicagobungalow.org. There are no income restrictions on the grant; rather there is a sliding scale for the match. Those at or above 80% of median income will receive a 70% reimbursement up to \$6,000 while those below 50% of median income will receive a 100% reimbursement up to \$6,000. Families falling between 50-80% of area median income will receive an 85% match.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the HCBA at (312) 642-9900 or visit www.chicagobungalow.org.

###

Note for editors: A photo that can be used with your story is attached.