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**Stimulus Bill Funds Generated 420 Jobs**  
*Housing Upgrades Benefit Communities*

(San Bernardino, CA) In the spring of 2009, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) received approximately \$5.1 million in stimulus funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to invest in its housing complexes and generate jobs.

HACSB quickly infused the funds into the rehab construction of 210 rental units in the cities of Chino, Colton, and Redlands. Through its procurement process, HACSB awarded 30 construction contracts. Combined, these contractors employed 420 individuals to do the following rehab construction work: lead based paint abatement, rough framing, window replacement, exterior lath and plaster, painting, new swamp coolers, electrical work, site concrete, and new screen doors.

This money immediately created a ripple effect throughout the communities by preserving housing infrastructure, investing in new energy upgrades, and creating new jobs, all stimulating the economy overall.

With the unemployment rate close to 15%, this money helped generate much needed jobs for skilled tradesmen, alleviating some of the hardship on many families. “Aligned with the President’s goal of investing into much needed communities, generating jobs, and rebuilding our economy, we moved quickly to invest these monies into the economy over a year earlier than the deadline provided by the stimulus bill” states Susan Benner, HACSB’s Executive Director.

Below are before and after construction pictures that reflect the new contemporary look of the exterior improvements at the various housing sites:



Before Construction



After Construction



Before Construction



After Construction

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*The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit [www.hacsb.com](http://www.hacsb.com).*