



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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City Saves \$3 Million in Federal Funding

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In 2011, the City was awarded \$3,277,401 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but due to non-activity, HUD was on the verge of recapturing the money. Luckily this was averted thanks to the partnership among the City, County, and Housing Authority. HUD had sent alarming letters to the Mayor of San Bernardino dated January 15, 2013 and January 28, 2013 threatening recapture of the funds unless the project was launched immediately.

On the very day of his appointment the new City Manager, Alan Parker met with the President/CEO of the Housing Authority, Dan Nackerman, to express the willingness to expedite the project. As a result, the City Manager, Mayor Morris, and City Attorney Penman, expedited a new contract with HPI, barely making HUD deadlines to avoid the loss of federal funds in an area ranking 6th in the nation in foreclosures. The County CEO Greg Deveroux arranged for the Housing Authority to assist the City in keeping these federal funds in the City and it appears the effort is a success.

“Housing Authority staff has voluminous experience past and present with these types of homeownership construction projects. We will do our best to turn this effort into a full success for the good of this entire community,” states Nackerman.

HUD officials, including William Vasquez, CPD Field Office Director in Los Angeles, expressed relief that the program was moving forward with an experienced team from HACSB, who had successfully implemented over 300 units in the past under NSP for the County, to complete a neighborhood improvement plan outlined in the County’s 2010 application to HUD.

These monies will be infused into the much needed local economy to, at this time, renovate 8 to 20 homes then sell them to first time homebuyers, thereby creating more stable neighborhoods with a higher quality of life.

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