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GRANT AWARDED TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES

Housing Authority Receives \$207,000 to Assist San Bernardino County Residents

(San Bernardino, CA.) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) was awarded \$207,000 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to continue promoting self-sufficiency activities for residents of San Bernardino County.

The agency's Family Self-Sufficiency Program staff work directly with clients to develop a 5-year plan towards economic independence. HACSB's Community Development Initiatives Department works directly with families to: 1) develop a personalized education and/or professional action plan; and 2) provide on-going case management assistance to ensure each family/individual is achieving their planned goals.

Through its extensive list of partners and leveraging existing community resources, Housing Authority staff is well poised to provide assistance for each individual's needs, whether its access to tools to complete their education, job training and placement, or to health and human services.

To ensure that families are receiving the services they need, the Housing Authority also partnered with Loma Linda University to conduct in depth needs assessments of its clients in the various affordable housing communities. Families provided input on the specific barriers in their lives and other critical information on their needs. With this information, Housing Authority and Loma Linda University staff has been able to strategically target and access services to address the needs/concerns of the families.

"Our agency embraces an 'Up and Out' transformation approach and we are committed to helping each family succeed in there own personal endeavors by providing them with case management assistance," states Susan Benner, HACSB's President/CEO.

Thanks to this renewed funding from HUD, Housing Authority families will continue to receive these much needed services which ultimately benefit the entire community as individuals become self-sufficient and more families in need of affordable housing are housed.

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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.