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## Housing authority receives four awards

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF  
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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino has received four Awards of Merit in Housing and Community Development from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for the areas outlined below:

■ **Vista Del Sol, 71-unit senior development:** HACSB made a concerted effort to address the shortage of affordable senior housing in a blighted, low income neigh-

borhood redevelopment area within the city of Redlands. Working with various partners, navigating funding sources and overcoming many obstacles, HACSB and its nonprofit affiliate, Housing Partners I, Inc., celebrated the completion this senior housing community.

■ **Strategic Plan for Energy Management:** In a measure to increase energy efficiency, water efficiency and health within their housing portfolio and the broader community, HACSB imple-

mented a strategic plan for energy management. HACSB has utilized the processes established to identify multiple sites that are most optimal for solar panel installation, and proceeded to apply for additional funding through the California Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing program. As a result, approximately 12 additional housing sites have received a rebate reservation from Southern California Edison Company.

■ **Procurement Efficiency:** In a measure to improve efficiencies, reduce costs and promote green initiatives, HACSB implemented a new comprehensive purchase requisition process. The amount of documentation being sent and handled by the finance and procurement departments has been reduced significantly. In addition, the program provides more detailed information that is readily available to key staff.

■ **Local Payment Standards:** HACSB has jurisdiction over the largest county in the contiguous United States. As a result of its size, HACSB was challenged with varying rental submarkets across the County and using HUD Fair Market Rents that were not truly reflective of our County's vastly different rental market. In an effort to address these challenges and increase housing opportunities, HACSB updated its payment standards by dividing the county into nine sub-markets (regions) that ac-

curately reflect the various market rents in the county. The purpose of the Merit Award is to give national recognition to innovative housing and community development projects, programs, and services provided by housing authorities throughout the country. The merit awards will be presented in a special awards event July 29 at the NAHRO summer conference in San Francisco.

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