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HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES \$896,400 FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

Grant Allows Partners to Provide Critical Assistance

(San Bernardino, CA) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) was awarded a one-year renewal grant for \$896,400 from the U.S. Department of Urban and Housing Development (HUD) for its Shelter Plus Care Program to continue to provide services to homeless families and individuals with disabilities.

The Shelter Plus Care Program builds on the premise that housing and services need to be linked in order to ensure stable housing for this hard to serve population. Partnering since 1996, families are referred to the Housing Authority by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). The Housing Authority provides rental subsidy and administers the housing assistance, while the DBH provides services ranging from job training, health care, supportive services, and educational services, allowing the tenant an opportunity to obtain economic and social independence, when otherwise, they may still be homeless.

“Through this money, we can continue to provide housing assistance, while the Department of Behavioral Health provides families and individuals with a wide array of social services to help them become self-sufficient,” states Susan Benner, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Each participant commits to 20 hours a week of community services, employment or school attendance, which is monitored by the DBH. This program is an important source of housing and social service assistance for homeless people with severe disabilities. Throughout the County, 8 service providers total received a grant from HUD, equivalent to approximately \$2.1 million. “We look forward to the grant being renewed in the years to come, as it’s a great program for many individuals through the County,” reinforces Mrs. Benner.

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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