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The Department of Housing and Community Development awards \$19.1 Million to Rural Communities from the Community Development Block Grant Fund

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) today announced \$19.1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to 33 California cities and counties.

“The awards announced today will help local governments increase homeownership, make vital infrastructure improvements, reinvigorate neighborhoods and reduce blight – all of which helps expedite the State’s economic recovery,” said Director Lynn L. Jacobs.

These awards will provide home-buyer assistance, rehabilitation of substandard housing, and fund public works projects such as waterline installations, water and sewage treatment system improvements, senior day care facilities, fire stations and medical clinics in our smaller cities and rural communities that often lack access to other types of financial resources. Nine of the recipients are receiving funds through the CDBG-Colonias fund, which serves distressed jurisdictions within 150 miles of the California-Mexico border, that contain colonias as defined by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

The funds were made available under the non-entitlement CDBG Program, administered by HCD as a service to smaller communities that do not have resources to administer the program themselves. The more populated cities and counties receive this funding directly from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CDBG awards were given to the following:

Applicant	Activity	Award Amount
Amador County	Public Services	\$400,000
Anderson	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Arcata	Public Facilities	\$800,000
Avenal	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000

Applicant	Activity	Award Amount
Bishop	Homeownership Assistance	\$400,000
Corcoran	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Dinuba	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Dunsmuir	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
El Centro	El Dorado Colonia Project	\$800,000
Etna	Housing Rehabilitation	\$400,000
Fort Jones	Housing Rehabilitation	\$400,000
Humboldt County	Public Facilities/Public Services	\$800,000
Imperial	South Colonia Project	\$408,740
Imperial County	Winterhaven Colonia Project	\$400,000
Imperial County	Niland Colonia Project	\$650,000
Imperial County	Herber Colonia Project	\$400,000
Imperial County	Bombay Beach Colonia Project	\$650,000
Imperial County	Poe Colonia Project	\$800,000
King City	Housing Rehabilitation	\$400,000
Kings County	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Mt. Shasta	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Nevada County	Public Improvements	\$800,000
Oroville	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Placer County	Housing Rehabilitation	\$400,000
Plumas County	Public Improvements/Public Facilities	\$800,000
San Benito County	Public Services	\$400,000
Santa Cruz County	Public Improvements/Public Services	\$798,218
Sonora	Homeownership Assistance	\$400,000
Tulare County	Public Improvements/New Housing & Rehabilitation	\$800,000
Tuolumne County	Public Improvements	\$800,000
Ukiah	Public Facilities	\$400,000
Wasco	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$600,000
Woodlake	Housing Rehab/ Homeownership Assistance	\$400,000
TOTAL		\$19,106,958

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state's housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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