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The Department of Housing and Community Development awards \$84 Million in Housing Funds to Rural Communities

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) today honored recipients of \$84 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Partnership Investment Fund (HOME) awards to 90 cities and counties throughout California.

“The awards we’re celebrating today have gone to help local governments increase homeownership, make vital infrastructure improvements, reinvigorate neighborhoods and provide rental assistance” said Director Lynn L. Jacobs. “They go a long way in stimulating the economy of communities throughout California.”

The CDBG 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.

The HOME awards can be used for a variety of affordable housing programs, including down-payment assistance, housing rehabilitation, first time home-buyer and tenant based rental assistance.

Both sets of funds were made available under the non-entitlement CDBG and HOME Programs, 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.

For a complete list of awards, go to <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/FederalAwards09-104column.pdf>.

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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