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The Legal Aid of Central Texas, Incorporated in Austin, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will enhance the organization's ability to serve rural, nonprofit community development corporations and provide operating support to their new initiative, Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR) in the Colonias. One hundred eighty people will be trained and 325 housing units will be constructed/rehabbed as a result of these activities. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$75,627. These resources include revenues from private bar fundraising campaigns, private foundation grants, and revenues from the University of Texas School of Law and local and State bar associations.

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South Plains Community Action Association, Incorporated in Levelland, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will assist the agency in promoting and implementing single-family housing programs in 8 counties in the Texas South Plains region through needs assessment, asset inventory, six community workshops and the development of strategic plans. A total of 50 persons will be trained and 8 housing units will be constructed as a result of these activities. In-kind and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$75,000 with Guerra and Associates.

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Organizacion Progresiva de San Elizario in San Elizario, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will facilitate the administrative capacity of 2 established El Paso County colonia organizations by hiring a financial officer to develop financial management systems, prepare financial reports and monitor program compliance. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$55,312, with the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development.

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Walker-Montgomery Community Development Corporation in New Waverly, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$150,000. This capacity building grant will be used to increase staff and to purchase and renovate office space, conduct a comprehensive housing needs survey in 4 rural counties in southeast Texas and to provide technical assistance. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$100,000 with the Gulf Coast Trades Center.

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FUTURO Communities, Incorporated in Uvalde, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$99,956. This capacity building grant will create a Regional Housing Service Center to identify and eliminate the existing barriers to affordable housing through a process of housing assessment, negotiation with potential housing investors and technical assistance within a 5 county Enterprise Community. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$83,652. Partners in this Project include: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Housing Assistance Council.

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The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development in El Paso, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This support for innovative housing and economic development grant will supplement a revolving loan fund that will provide for housing rehabilitation, water/sewer hook-up and microenterprise loans to low-income residents of rural communities and Colonias in Texas and New Mexico. A total of 26 jobs will be created/retained and 38 units of housing will be rehabilitated as a result of this grant. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$750,000. Partners in this Project include: Wells Fargo Bank, the Housing Assistance Council, and Chase Bank.

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The Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This support for innovative housing and economic development activities grant will be used to construct 26 houses, expand bank mortgage lending through a Community Development Financial Institution and provide below market rate financing to persons in the South Texas Colonias. Local, State and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$755,742. Partners in this Project include: the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Bank of Texas, Wells Fargo Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank, and the International Bank of Commerce.

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The Center for Economic Opportunities, Incorporated in San Juan, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This support for innovative housing and economic development activities grant will be used to provide entrepreneurial training, technical support and access to credit for start-up businesses, home mortgage assistance and homeownership counseling to families in Colonias in Hidalgo County, Texas. A total of 41 jobs will be created/retained and 50 people trained as a result of this grant. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$327,000, including funds from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Neighborhood Housing Services of Dimmit County, Incorporated in Carrizo Springs, Texas will receive a Rural Housing and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$400,000. This support for innovative housing and economic development activities grant will be used to establish a Community Development Financial Institution to provide low-cost loans to families and businesses to finance business start-ups, to establish a micro-loan program, micro-enterprise network, a small business development program and to develop new housing construction methodologies in the nine-county Middle Rio Grande region including several Colonias. A total of 30 jobs will be created and 39 units of housing constructed/rehabilitated as a result of these activities. Local and private resources have been leveraged in an amount of \$353,000. Partners in this Project include: The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, the Local Initiative Support Corporation, the Center for Economic Development at the University of Texas, the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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