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From left to right: Paul Metzner, Chief Operating Officer of Planet Solar, Dave Wallerstein, Director of SolarWorld, Bob Havlicek, Director of Finance and Operations HACSB, Fred Lamont, Executive Director HACSB, Lois Capps, Congressional Representative (CA-23)

ARRA Success: Santa Barbara County Solar Project

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (HACSB) is Southern California's latest example of a successful utilization of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). On August 18, the AHSCB unveiled its brand new solar installation. The HACSB used over \$1.2 million from its ARRA Competitive Grant, combined with other funding sources, to install over 7,000 solar panels to serve over 800 units in Santa Barbara County.

Congressional Representative

Lois Capps (CA-23) praised the achievement of the HACSB. Fred Lamont, Executive Director of the HACSB thanked HUD for supporting this step toward sustainability.

The solar panels were manufactured by Solar World and installed by Planet Solar, two California-based firms.



Congratulations to HACoLA for receiving three NAHRO

The Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) received three (3) National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit for the following Programs:



Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Program
The Growing Experience Program
Harbor Hills Gang Reduction Program

The Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Program and The Growing Experience are also being considered for the NAHRO National Awards of Excellence.

Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Program



CDC/HACoLA is the first public agency in California to embrace State Medi-Cal waivers for assisted living programs. Housing providers recognize the need for programs that provide “permanent supportive housing.” This type of housing seeks to match services to special needs populations who could not sustain themselves in an independent living lifestyle without help. With the creation of the Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Program (ALWPP), CDC/HACoLA offered a viable home and community-based alternative that would allow elderly persons to remain at the South Bay Gardens and Orchard Arms public

housing development.

The Growing Experience Program

The Growing Experience Program (TGE) began in 1996, as a joint collaboration between HACoLA and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE).

Initially, it was a landscaping program; however, in 2009 TGE took a drastic turn towards organic agricultural production. TGE seeks to provide Carmelitos public housing residents with an opportunity to access a community garden in an urban setting, while also giving them an opportunity to learn valuable skills in the multi-million dollar “green industry” in a paid job-training program. Additionally, TGE provides sustainable produce to the local community and restaurants.



Harbor Hills Gang Reduction Program

The Harbor Hills Gang Reduction Program effectively addresses gang and crime problems at the Harbor Hills public housing development in the City of Lomita. HACoLA management, security, legal, and intervention teams, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Community Policing Program team, developed a comprehensive plan to combat unlawful activity which includes internet and security technology, surveillance, criminal law enforcement, civil lease enforcement, and youth intervention programs. Our efforts have resulted in multiple evictions, arrests, a drop in criminal activity, and an improved quality of life for our residents.



Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles

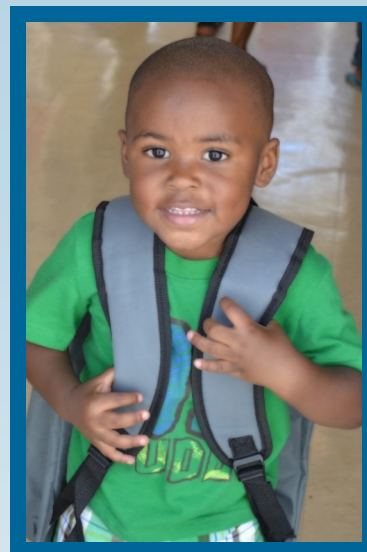
Public Housing *Back to School Jams*

The Resident Services Program of the Housing Management Division sponsored another successful series of Back to School Jams at the Carmelitos, Harbor Hills, Nueva Maravilla, Sundance Vista and South County (scattered sites) public housing developments during the month of August. Beginning with the first Back to School Jam at the Carmelitos housing community in 2000, this event has grown to an annual event geared toward youth and their families to celebrate the kickoff of the new school year.

This year, over 50 exhibitors provided educational and health-related resources and information to over 800 fami-

lies. A partial list of those agencies present included: University of California Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County Work Source Centers, Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Goodwill Industries, and the Los Angeles Prevention Project for Life as well as local businesses.

Public housing youth were treated to an afternoon of entertainment, food, dance contests, watermelon eating contests, piñatas and raffles. However, the highlight of each Back to School Jam was the distribution of backpacks stocked with school supplies



to the youth in grades K-12th. This year, Resident Services staff distributed 1,000 backpacks – the most ever distributed in the history of the Back to School Jams. In addition to free backpacks, students and their families also benefited from free school uniforms and other necessities, made possible by the generous support of Shelter Partnership, a local non-profit organization which provides resources and housing for homeless families, through its S. Mark Taper Foundation Shelter Resource Bank.

As one Nueva Maravilla parent expressed to staff, “Thank you so much for the backpacks for my kids, it helped us out a lot.”



Financial Page

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

The table below is a rough estimate of CY 2012 Admin Fee funding and proration levels based on mark-ups generated by both the Senate and the House Appropriations Subcommittees. These are our first indications of direction on the variables we are using in the Two Year Forecasting Tool which can be located at...

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv

ROUGH ESTIMATES

Admin Fees

Funding

Proration Level

Senate Mark-Up	\$1.41 Billion	77%
House Mark-Up	\$1.1 Billion	60%

2012 Funding Formula Variables:	House mark up	Senate mark up
FFY or CY?	CY	CY
Year End leasing Set Aside Category or Not?	Year End leasing included	Year End leasing <i>NOT</i> included
NRA Offset or Not? And if so How much?	No Offset	\$750 Million Offset: Language says to leave one month (8.3%), "if practicable"

Los Angeles HUD Office hosts FSS

On September 21, 2011, the Los Angeles HUD office hosted a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS), and Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) event. ROSS/HCV FSS Grants Administrator May Miso facilitated the event.

program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Public housing agencies (PHAs) work with

ment that pays a living wage. A separate program, the public housing FSS program, is available for public housing residents.

At the event in Los Angeles, FSS and ROSS coordinators participated in networking and



ROSS links public housing residents with supportive services, resident empowerment activities, and assistance in becoming economically self-sufficient. Family self-sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD

welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain employ-

training. HUD and housing authority staff presented regarding successes and obstacles to administering the program. FSS coordinators described best practices in order to better serve participants of this important program.

Financial Management Snapshot

PHA Executive Compensation Form HUD-52725

This form is a requirement for all PHAs unless the PHA meets the definition of exempted described on the instruction tab of the HUD-52725 Excel File.

HUD has produced a FAQ document which answers a number of the most common questions regarding this form. This document can be located at...

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/
public_indian_housing/programs/ph/am/of/opfnd2012](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/am/of/opfnd2012)

Technical Notes and the Excel Tool are posted at the above link.

Due on 10-31-11 to your assigned Financial Analyst at the Los Angeles Office of Public Housing.

If you believe your PHA is exempt please inform your assigned FA.

Office of PIH Welcomes Toni Orozco!

Toni Orozco is the Los Angeles Office of Public Housing's new Program Assistant. She was born and raised in Los Angeles and is the youngest of five siblings. Prior joining HUD she worked in the Apparel

Industry for nearly 34 yrs. Positions held included, Claims Adjustor, Director of Customer Service, General Manager, and Production Manager. Ms. Orozco joined HUD as a contractor in 2005 and worked at the Santa Ana HOC as the Mail / Supply Room Site Manager. In 2007 she transferred to the Los Angeles Field Office. In September of 2011, Ms. Orozco accepted a position as a Federal Employee within PIH and states that she looks forward to a long career with HUD. Welcome, Toni!



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eLOGIC MODEL SUBMISSION TIMEFRAMES FOR ROSS,

Public Housing FSS, and HCV FSS

Grant Program	Grant Year	eLogic Model Due Date
ROSS – Family & Homeownership or ROSS-Elderly/ Persons with Disabilities	FY2007	Semi-annuals due January 30 and June 30. Final due 90 days after end of grant.
ROSS - SC	FY2008	Annual submission due January 31. Reports cover prior calendar year. Final due 90 days after grant ends.
ROSS - SC	FY2009	Annual submission due January 31.
ROSS - SC	FY10	Annual submission due 30 days after the year anniversary of grant execution (end of July). Final due 90 days after end of grant.
PH-FSS	FY10	Only one submission at end of their grant.
HCV-FSS	FY10	30 days after expiration of that funding increment which should be January 30, 2012 for all PHAs
ROSS - SC	FY11	Annual submission due 30 days after the year anniversary of grant execution. Final due 90 days after end of grant.
PH-FSS	FY11	Only one submission at end of their grant.
HCV-FSS	FY11	FY 2011 HCV/FSS eLogic Model reports will be due 30 days after expiration of the funding increment. For most PHAs, that will be January 30, 2013



Deceased Tenants Report in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System

Just a friendly reminder to the Housing Authorities (HA) that received a Deceased Tenants Report, HAs are required to submit the applicable documentation outlined in the *Deceased Tenant Case Review Documentation Checklist* received, by no later than **November 22, 2011**, to PIH.ImproperPayments@hud.gov, with a copy to the local HUD office EIV Coordinator. HAs are reminded to not send any document which is **not** listed on the documentation checklist (i.e. copies of 50058s, EIV reports, HUD-provided documents etc.).

Special Purpose Vouchers Leasing Initiative

HUD is closely following the lease up rates of Special Purpose Vouchers. This includes: Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Family Unification Program (FUP), Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Category 1 and 2 . Our office will be contacting your agencies monthly regarding your progress in leasing up these vouchers. Please contact your HUD representatives for any assistance we may provide in this high profile initiative. Together we house families!

ARRA Grant Close-outs

Congratulations to all PHAs who have expended 100% of ARRA Formula Funds.

The Los Angeles Office of Public Housing would like to begin the close-out procedures as soon as possible, so we would appreciate the submission of close-out documents. Please submit your Final Cost Certificate and Final Performance and Evaluation Report HUD Form 50075.1. Note, both must be submitted within 90 days of expiration or termination of the grant, per 24 CFR 85.50.

Final Cost Certificate (The cost certificate is a financial statement subject to audit pursuant to 24 CFR 85.26.)

-**Actual Modernization Cost Certificate (AMCC); or**
-**Actual Development Cost Certificate (ADCC)** If applicable

Final Performance and Evaluation Report

HUD Form 50075.1: Please remember to mark “final” on this report. Also, the report must be signed and dated by Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer.

Online Reports

Additionally, if you have not already submitted, when a grant is 100% expended, **final** reports must be submitted in RAMPS and Fed Reporting. For the quarter ending September 30, 2011, RAMPS and Fed Reporting must be submitted per the schedule below:

<i>Report</i>	<i>Reporting System</i>	<i>Dates to report</i>
Section 1512	Federalreporting.gov	October 1 - 14, 2011
Section 1609 (NEPA compliance)	RAMPS	October 1 - 10, 2011
Core Activities (modernization & development; energy measures)	RAMPS	October 1 – 31, 2011

Please Join Us!

The next Proactive Exchange will occur

Thursday, November 17, 2011,

10am-12pm, at the Los Angeles Office of Public Housing.