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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RECEIVES INCREASE IN RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2009-10 County to use increase in funds to enhance HIV/AIDS services

**San Bernardino** – The County of San Bernardino, as the grant administrator for the Riverside/San Bernardino, CA Transitional Grant Area (TGA), received an 11% increase in the Ryan White Part A grant program for a total award of \$7,153,193.

The Public Health Department administers the grant and received notification on April 21, 2009 that the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) had released the awards for the 2009-2010 program year. The increase will be used to enhance existing HIV/AIDS service contracts throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

San Bernardino County Public Health Department, administrator of the grant, participated with 55 other jurisdictions in a highly competitive national evaluation to ensure continued local funding of these critical services. Understanding that national fiscal resources for HIV/AIDS services are continuing to diminish, the County dedicates the necessary administrative support to generate strong applications (scoring 100% in 2008) to secure continued funding. The application is developed based on service priorities established by the Inland Empire HIV Planning Council (IEHPC).

The Ryan White (RW) Program was established to provide HIV health care and support services to persons affected by the disease and who do not have access to other resources. The RW Program funds an array of culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services such as HIV Specialty Medical Care, Oral Health Care, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment, Case Management and Outreach Services to populations disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS in the two Counties. Current data indicates that there are 8,870 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the two counties. The RW Program provided services to over 4,000 individuals in 2008 and these individuals generally reported high satisfaction with medical and support services.

Additional information regarding the Ryan White Program is available at:  
[http://www.sbcounty.gov/pubhlth/programs\\_services/ryan\\_white/ryan\\_white\\_home.htm](http://www.sbcounty.gov/pubhlth/programs_services/ryan_white/ryan_white_home.htm)

Additional information on the Inland Empire HIV Planning Council is available at:  
<http://www.iehpc.org/home/index.htm>

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