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County secures more than \$7 million for homeless

A combination of funding for new and renewed project grants awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide the County of San Bernardino more than \$7 million to furnish transitional and permanent housing, as well as other supportive services, to homeless individuals and families who might otherwise be living on the streets.

"These HUD Grant awards identify our County's needs and place us in a very competitive arena to be able to deliver much-needed housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness," said Josie Gonzales, Board of Supervisors Chair and Fifth District Supervisor. "I congratulate the agencies receiving the funds as they work with us to help end chronic homelessness in San Bernardino County."

On March 13, HUD announced the award of more than \$200 million nationwide in new Continuum of Care (CoC) grants to fund 731 local homeless projects across the country. The new projects will provide housing and supportive services to thousands of homeless individuals and families.

HUD's decision to fund these new programs will bring \$5.2 million directly to the County of San Bernardino to fund seven new projects. Agencies implementing these projects include Global One Development Center, House of Prayer-Gospel Outreach Ministries Inc., Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, Life Community Development, Time for Change Foundation, and United States Veterans Initiative – Inland Empire.

On December 20, 2011, HUD announced the award of nearly \$1.47 billion in Continuum of Care grants to renew funding to 7,100 local homeless projects across the country.

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Of that amount, more than \$2.2 million was awarded to renew 13 existing projects throughout the County of San Bernardino. This allowed for the continued provision of housing and homeless services to homeless individuals and families. Agencies administering these projects include Central City Lutheran Mission, Community Action Partnership San Bernardino, Foothill Family Shelter, Frazee Community Center, Inland Behavioral Health Services, Inland Counties Legal Services, Inland Temporary Homes, New Hope Village, Inc., and the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

These awards will also allow the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership to continue with the measurable progress already made in meeting the recommendations outlined in the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino.

In addition to homeless services, CoC grants fund a wide range of programs including job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. These grants also fund street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families.

If you would like more information regarding Homeless Services offered in the County of San Bernardino please contact the Office of Homeless Services at (909) 252-4001 and/or visit our website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCHP>.