



## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AWARDED MILLIONS IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), better known as the second economic stimulus bill, was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. ARRA made over \$16 billion dollars available nationally to public housing organizations such as the Community Development Commission and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA), by increasing funding for existing programs as well as making funding available for newer services.

Through ARRA, the CDC and the HACoLA were awarded over \$33.6 million in funding for several programs addressing community development, homelessness prevention, and upgrades to our multifamily housing properties. In this, the County of Los Angeles (County) was awarded over \$12.1 million for the [Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program](#) to implement homelessness prevention initiatives, and \$8 million for the [Community Development Block Grant program](#) to provide affordable housing services and jobs for the most vulnerable residents of the County. Approximately \$13.3 million was also granted to the HACoLA's [Public Housing Capital Fund](#) for security improvements, energy efficiency work measures, preventive maintenance, and general improvements to 12 of our public housing developments; of which, over \$5.9 million was awarded competitively to fund energy efficient/green community projects.

As this funding must be used by the end of September, 2012, the CDC and the HACoLA are now in the process of closing out and successfully completing our County ARRA projects and programs. We'll be highlighting our accomplishments this October, during our annual celebration of Housing America Month. Please check back on the CDC/HACoLA website ([www.lacdc.org](http://www.lacdc.org)) on October 1, 2012, for more information. Until then, information on these programs can be accessed by engaging the links above.

Prior to ARRA's passage in 2009, the CDC/HACoLA had begun working to identify the best way to put this stimulus funding to the best use, in the fastest amount of time. We will continue these efforts as we strive to meet our mission to *"build better lives and better neighborhoods."*

For more information on the how, when, and where ARRA funds are being spent across the County of Los Angeles, please visit [www.lacounty.gov](http://www.lacounty.gov); and to see how funds are being spent across the United States, please visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).