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Governor Richardson Announces \$5.6 Million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds to Assist New Mexicans through Community Action Agencies

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced seven New Mexico Community Action Agencies will be receiving a total of \$5.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) distribution to assist New Mexicans hurt by the economic crisis.

“These funds will reach the growing numbers of low-income families in rural New Mexico who are looking for help with basic needs, such as housing, food, mortgage counseling, and job skills training,” said Governor Richardson.

Income eligibility for CSBG distribution funds are families with an annual income of 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. However, that limit may increase to 200 percent under new guidelines for the Recovery funds.

The Community Action Agencies contract with the Human Services Department for CSBG funds. This week the department issued Recovery packets to the participating Community Action Agencies that detail the perimeters and reporting requirements of receiving the Recovery funds.

The Community Action Agencies must now submit plans on the funds that will be used to best serve their community to specifically address the Recovery funds.

It is anticipated the Recovery funds will be approved and available for use by July 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Here is a list of NM Community Action Agencies receiving Recovery Funds and the amount of the CSBG distribution:

New Mexico Community Action Agencies (CAA)	Counties Covered	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Community Services Block Grant Distribution

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico	Doña Ana, Grant, Luna, Hidalgo, Sierra	\$1,011,384
Economic Council Helping Others, Inc	San Juan	\$418,247
Eastern Plains Community Action Agency	De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Curry, Quay, Roosevelt, Union	\$336,586
Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corp.	Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero	\$758,560
HELP New Mexico	Bernalillo, Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel	\$1,694,821
	Santa Fe, Taos Torrance	\$430,585
Mid-West community Action program	Catron, McKinley, Cibola, Socorro, Valencia	\$691,337
Empowering Our Communities in New Mexico	Sandoval	\$272,177
Total		\$5,613,697

Learn more about how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will benefit New Mexico at www.recovery.state.nm.us.

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