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SECRETARY DONOVAN ANNOUNCES NEARLY 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN RECOVERY ACT GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HOUSING *Grants will transform and upgrade public housing projects while creating jobs*

WASHINGTON - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Donovan today announced that HUD is awarding \$96 million in grants to 15 public housing authorities across the country to make substantial improvements to thousands of public housing units nationwide (see below for full list of grantees).

The Public Housing Capital Funds being awarded today are provided through The [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) (Recovery Act) and are specifically designated for public housing transformation, to help redevelop public housing that is blighted and distressing to the surrounding community. These grants will address the factors creating blighted public housing through renovation of existing housing or demolition and redevelopment of new public housing or a mixture of public housing and non-public housing on the site.

"The funding HUD is awarding to public housing authorities today will inject necessary capital funding into our economy, creating much-needed, quality jobs at a time when they are needed more than ever." said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "These investments will not only provide quality housing for low-income residents, but will also encourage economic growth and development in communities across the county."

In February, just eight days after President Obama signed the Recovery Act into law, HUD allocated nearly \$3 billion in Recovery Act funding to more than 3,100 public housing authorities across the U.S. Distributed by formula, that funding is already being put to work to improve public housing and create safer, more livable environments for lower income residents.

The funding being announced today is part of an additional \$1 billion in Public Housing Capital Funds designated by the Recovery Act to be awarded competitively. HUD accepted applications under this program from public housing authorities from June 22 until August 18, 2009. HUD is reviewing applications and awarding grants to PHAs that effectively address the requirements in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which can be accessed at [HUD's Recovery Act](#) website, for the following four funding categories:

Public Housing Transformation: \$100 million is available to transform obsolete public housing projects into newly built or renovated developments. The grants being awarded today fall under this category.

Financing Stalled Projects: \$200 million is available to allow PHAs to develop or renovate public housing projects stalled due to lack of resources.

Housing for the Elderly/Persons with Disabilities: \$95 million is available to improve public housing units and create community facilities for the delivery of medical and other services to this vulnerable population.

Energy Efficiency: \$600 million is available for PHAs to create more energy efficient public housing units. Applications were due for this category on July 21, 2009.

HUD's Capital Fund Program provides annual funding to public housing authorities to develop, finance, and/or modernize the public housing in their communities. This funding can be used to make large-scale improvements such as new roofs and for the replacement of plumbing and electrical systems to increase energy efficiency.

The grants announced today are being awarded to the following recipients:

Project Name	PHAName	City	State	Amount
Cambridge Affordable Presidential Apartments	Cambridge Housing Authority	Cambridge	Massachusetts	\$ 10,000,000.00
Watertown HA(MA093000001)	Watertown Housing Authority	Watertown	Massachusetts	\$ 3,750,000.00
Quinnipiac Terrace Phase II	New Haven Housing Authority	New Haven	Connecticut	\$ 5,000,000.00
Forest Park	Rutland Housing Authority	Rutland	Vermont	\$ 2,346,500.00
Scattered Sites (MD002000201)	Baltimore City Housing Authority	Baltimore	Maryland	\$ 2,677,253.00
Scattered Sites (MD002000200)	Baltimore City Housing Authority	Baltimore	Maryland	\$ 6,335,127.00
Jarie Poe Dr/Cohen Way	Sarasota Housing Authority	Sarasota	Florida	\$ 2,461,000.00
Ogden North	Chicago Housing Authority	Chicago	Illinois	\$ 9,990,000.00
Collier Garden Apartments	Winnebago County Housing Authority	Rockford	Illinois	\$ 2,300,000.00
Columbia Center	Hammond Housing Authority	Hammond	Indiana	\$ 10,000,000.00
Erie Homes	Evansville Housing Authority	Evansville	Indiana	\$ 2,415,000.00
Clearstream Gardens	Indianapolis Housing Agency	Indianapolis	Indiana	\$ 8,586,000.00
Westwood Homes	Denver Housing Authority	Denver	Colorado	\$ 10,000,000.00
Riverview Apartments - 626 I Street	Sacramento City	Sacramento	California	\$ 10,000,000.00
Rainier Vista Phase III	Seattle Housing Authority	Seattle	Washington	\$ 10,000,000.00

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