



# News Release

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## SAHA RECEIVES ANOTHER \$5.35 MILLION IN HUD STIMULUS FUNDS BRINGING TOTAL TO NEARLY \$20 MILLION

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) will receive \$5,350,593 in competitive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) grants from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for capital improvements to 14 communities serving the elderly and persons with disabilities.

This allocation of funding is specifically to improve or modify existing public housing communities to make them fully accessible and to provide space for supportive services targeted to the elderly and/or persons with disabilities.

"In awarding these grants to SAHA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is recognizing both the needs of San Antonio's elderly and disabled populations as well as SAHA's skillful efforts in the past and future plans to meet those needs," said U.S. Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX-20). "These funds will facilitate great improvements to housing in facilities across the city and I congratulate SAHA on securing them."

"I applaud SAHA's proactive and successful pursuit of this funding," Mayor Julián Castro said. "These dollars will have a positive impact on the everyday lives of some of San Antonio's more vulnerable residents."

The funds will go towards improvements to the following communities for elderly and disabled persons:

Victoria Plaza and OP Schnabel Apartments	\$1,222,275
Fair Ave. Apartments and Matt Garcia Apartments	1,020,682
Villa Tranchese	890,573
Parkview Apartments and College Park	802,414
Jewett Circle and Colonel Cisneros Apartments	616,199
Kenwood North	303,218
Marie McGuire Apartments and Villa Hermosa	265,528
Lila Cockrell Apartments	136,767
Madonna Apartments	<u>92,937</u>
TOTAL	\$5,350,593

"These funds will enable SAHA to further its efforts to improve the quality of life of seniors and persons with disabilities. We will make improvements to 14 public housing communities and create a more comfortable, accessible and air-conditioned environment that encourages socialization among the residents of these communities," said Lourdes Castro Ramirez, SAHA President and CEO. "We will also create additional space and partner with agencies that provide specialized services to the elderly and disabled, such as nutrition and health screenings," she added.

"These funds will also bring additional benefits to our community in the form of new jobs for some and the preservation of existing jobs for others," explained Castro Ramirez. "This work must begin quickly to meet the stimulus objectives, bringing employment opportunities and making necessary improvements to public housing communities."

This \$5.35 million is in addition to \$14.5 million in Recovery Act funds that SAHA received in February 2009 for improvements to Lewis Chatham Apartments (another senior and disabled community) and upgrades to elevators, fire alarms, security systems, etc. at various other properties. This latest funding award bringing SAHA's total Recovery Act funding to nearly \$20 million.

To read more about the specifics of the SAHA's Recovery Act activities, visit <http://www.saha.org/aboutsaha/html/stimulus.html>.