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HOUSING AGENCY JOINS ELITE PROGRAM

Agency Becomes Just One of 32 Public Housing Authorities Nationally in Effort to Promote Self-Sufficiency & Increase Affordable Housing Options for Low-Income Households

(San Bernardino, CA.) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino was recently selected as one of only 1% of such agencies in the U.S. to become a **Moving to Work** demonstration site. Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, **Moving to Work** sites are noted for local innovation resulting in greater efficiencies, more residents working and more families housed.

Under the program, local Authorities can revise HUD regulations and create incentives for households to move on into market rate housing – incentives such as time limits for subsidized housing, savings accounts for tenants, and increased attention to household problem-solving. Also, the local Authority can elect to change its rent structures, combine funding sources, increase real estate development activities and streamline internal processes.

Cities such as Cambridge, Massachusetts; Atlanta, Georgia; and Chicago, Illinois have utilized this **Moving to Work** initiative to transform housing programs and related neighborhoods.

“We’re honored and excited to be given the opportunity to put our best practice models to work and make a difference in the lives of people seeking upward mobility for themselves and their families,” said Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino Dan Nackerman. “The vision for our agency is more than just about providing housing since at the end of the day there is a human story at the root of what we do. We expect to see through **Moving to Work** a broader deployment of services that we think will be a benefit to all of our residents.”

The contract with HUD for inclusion in the program was executed this week and master planning with tenants and the community will take place over the next few months.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino operates under the leadership of commissioners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, overseeing housing for 32,000 seniors, children and other individuals throughout the County. The Authority was also officially designated by HUD earlier this year as a ‘high performer’ agency.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and child care, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day.

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