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VALLEJO RECEIVES \$126,000 FROM HUD FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

VALLEJO – The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$126,000 grant to the City of Vallejo Housing Authority for two programs designed to aim residents toward home ownership.

The funds will be used for the City’s Homeownership Program and the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Housing authority officials applied for the grant last spring, and the announcement was made in late September.

“This is very good news,” said Melinda Nestlerode, Housing Operations Supervisor for the City of Vallejo. “These are wonderful programs because they encourage self-sufficiency; they put you in touch with your potential and gear you toward home ownership.”

The programs provide participants with tools and resources needed to help them become self-sufficient in homeownership. Four homeowners in the City of Vallejo are already graduates of the program.

“This funding provides another tool for the City to help create affordable housing opportunities for its residents,” said Craig Whittom, Community Development Director for the City of Vallejo. “The program also demonstrates the importance of federal funding in helping address self sufficiency at the local level.”

Solano County agencies that received grant include:

Benicia	\$123,273
Fairfield	\$102,420
Vallejo	\$126,000
Solano County	\$107,110
Vacaville	\$126,000

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