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Federal Stimulus Boosts Local Homelessness Prevention
San José Receives Millions in Funding to Provide Aid to Families in Need

SAN JOSÉ – Echoing the President’s ongoing message to support struggling Americans during the current recession, it has been announced that the City of San José will receive \$4,128,763 in stimulus funding to support local homelessness prevention services.

As part of the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on February 17, the funding for San José will be coupled with an additional \$717,484 granted to programs from Santa Clara County that address homelessness.

A press event will be held on March 6, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the San José City Hall Rotunda (200 E. Santa Clara Street) where San José Mayor Chuck Reed and Santa Clara County Supervisor Don Gage will join Philip F. Mangano, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

“San José and Santa Clara County are committed to pursuing an end to chronic homelessness,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “This federal funding allocation will help us address the increased demand for service that our community is witnessing while also assisting us in reaching our long-term goals.”

The majority of funding will be dedicated to providing permanent housing for homeless families and continuing services that assist them in maintaining their current housing. Funds will also be used to provide support services to homeless individuals, mentally ill clients, and veterans who are homeless or need assistance in being re-trained for permanent jobs.

“I applaud the political will and commitment of Mayor Reed and Supervisor Gage dedicated to San Jose and Santa Clara County's efforts to reduce and end homelessness,” indicated Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. “In securing a record \$9.9 million in HUD targeted homeless assistance resources and an additional \$4.8 million to prevent homelessness from the President's economic recovery program, San José and Santa Clara County are receiving a tangible expression of partnership in their committed efforts to end the long misery of homelessness for their poorest neighbors.”

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