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**Oakland's Weatherization Assistance Program Grant Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is on Track**

*Oakland, CA* —Recent information issued regarding the status of California's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has raised questions about the status of grants received by the cities of Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. In the interest of public information and transparency, the City of Oakland is providing the following information about the \$3.9 million ARRA WAP grant it has received from the State.

- The City of Oakland was asked by the State of California to step in to administer the ARRA WAP grant after the original grantee was unable to perform. Oakland received the grant about a year after the original grants were awarded.
- In order to meet the needs of Oakland's urban housing stock as well as generate more jobs, Oakland (as well as San Francisco) decided to use the ARRA WAP funds to weatherize multi-family properties in addition to single family homes. This means that while there is a longer predevelopment timeline, more units will ultimately be weatherized.
- By July 2012, the City of Oakland anticipates that a total of at least 1,000 units will have been weatherized, fully expending the grant funds. Oakland's multifamily weatherization projects are expected to result in a savings of about \$300 in annual energy costs for each low-income family served, increase health and safety, and reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions by over 5,000 metric tons per year. We also anticipate that 100-200 individuals will be employed in construction and professional jobs related to this program.
- To date, 196 units have completed weatherization upgrades, over 800 units are under or beginning upgrades and 27 multi-family properties ranging from 20 to 315 units each have received comprehensive energy audits.

The WAP grant was originally established to retrofit single family homes. Policy and procedural changes, which took more time, had to be made in order to serve the communities of Oakland, San Francisco, and other urban areas that prioritized the ARRA WAP funds to retrofit aging multi-family housing stock.

Based upon the construction timeline of existing projects and recent policy and procedural changes, the City of Oakland expects to meet its weatherization production goals and fully expend its ARRA WAP funds.

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