



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN

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### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN (HACC) AWARDED

**\$11 MILLION DOLLARS**

**Alan Miller**  
Commissioner

### THROUGH HUD CAPITAL FUND RECOVERY COMPETITION GRANTS

(Revitalization for Clement T. Branch Village and  
John F. Kennedy Tower)

**Delores Showell**  
Commissioner

**Camden, New Jersey** – The Housing Authority of the City of Camden

(HACC) was awarded two Capital Fund Recovery Competition (“CFRC”) Grants totaling \$11 million dollars.

As detailed in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), of the \$995 million Public Housing Capital Funds that were awarded on a competitive basis, the HACC was awarded \$10,000,000 of Capital Fund Recovery Competition (“CFRC”) Funds, as announced Wednesday, September 23, 2009. The funds will be used as a portion of the overall revitalization of Clement T. Branch Village, On-Site Phase 1, located in the Centerville neighborhood of Camden, New Jersey.

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The competitive grants were awarded under the four categories of, Improvements Addressing Needs of Elderly and Disabled; Public Housing Transformation; Gap Financing; and Creation of Green Communities. The HACC was awarded a grant (\$10 million) for Category 3, (Gap Financing) and a grant for (\$1 million) for category 1 (Improvements Addressing Needs of Elderly and Disabled). The HACC was the only Housing Authority in the State of New Jersey to receive a Competitive Stimulus Grant for Categories 1 and 3.

The Housing Authority of the City of Camden (HACC) will build a mixed income housing development on a portion remaining land at Roosevelt Manor public housing site. The new construction project will consist of 64 family mixed-income rental units. The new construction will provide 64 public housing rental units that will be designed and built with exceptional quality of life and sustainability in mind. These units will be used as a relocation resource for Branch Village residents as we proceed with the redevelopment of that site.

In addition, and separate from this application, the HACC will construct a new community center on a portion of the Branch Village public housing site immediately south of Phase I, for workshops for residents, and to maintain display boards to educate the residents on energy conservation.

Dr. Maria Marquez, Executive Director, states, “We are very happy to receive two awards through ARRA for the improvement of HACC sites. Our residents will receive many benefits from these awards, and we look forward to the beginning of these new initiatives”

As announced Thursday, September 24, 2009, the HACC was awarded a second grant of \$1,000,000 of Capital Fund Recovery Competition (“CFRC”) Funds. This additional Funding will be used to expand the existing supportive staff offices of the  
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Assisted Living Program and to expand the multi-purpose community room located on the first floor of John F. Kennedy Tower, by adding an additional 3650 square feet of space. JFK Tower is located at 2021 Watson Street, Camden, New Jersey. HACC has committed 25% leverage of program income, presently in place towards this expansion. The HACC's Assisted Living Program provides necessary services to seniors. Services are inclusive of a social worker, outreach worker, and other medical specialists, and includes available examination rooms. Additional educational courses and series will be provided with the new dedicated space. In addition, if space permits, a small exercise room and computer lab for use by the residents for therapy and educational courses will also be provided.

As stated by the HACC Board of Commissioners Chairperson, Deborah Person-Polk, "What a great time to receive two ARRA awards, to assist in the growth and programs of the HACC. I am very happy for the residents and employees, as we continue to provide quality living environments and lifestyles within the HACC and the City as a whole".

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