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AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECTS PROVIDE ANTIDOTE TO AILING ECONOMIES

ARRA Funding Expands Local Opportunities to Services and Job Training

The Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Partnership (CAP) has been awarded nearly \$2 million in ARRA funding over the past year, which has been used to broaden access to services and job training opportunities for individuals and families in Colusa, Glenn and Trinity Counties who are struggling to make ends meet.

The CAP created 41 new job and training opportunities in the first quarter of 2010 thanks to federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Over 20 job seekers are being trained in fields such as truck driving, welding and pharmacy technician and eight (8) youth are receiving training in the field of Housing Rehabilitation, assisting the CAP in weatherizing or reconstructing over 300 homes in the tri-county area. Another 13 jobs were created or retained through ARRA assistance and allowed Glenn County to maintain credit counseling services.

The ARRA-funded Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) paid over \$70,000 directly to local businesses and landlords to provide rental and utility assistance to over 30 low-income individuals and families. Over \$11,000 has been paid in rental assistance, which allows families to redirect their rent savings towards debt reduction. These direct payments to landlords strengthen our local economies through an influx of dollars that stay within the tri-county area, supporting local businesses and increasing consumer spending.

ARRA funding has also helped in the construction of Glenn County's first "green-built" home. Energy costs of the green-built home will be close to zero, benefiting the family and reducing the strain on the energy grid. Another ARRA-funded project is a community garden to support the operations of Unity in Recovery, an organization that assists individuals and families with substance abuse issues.

The CAP ensures that ARRA funds are circulated back into the local economy, through projects such as green-build, subsidized employment and training opportunities, and homeless prevention assistance. The CAP also ensures that every cent of ARRA funding is accounted for and that the information is readily available for public view.

"Recovery Act resources are vital to supporting economic stability and growth in Colusa, Glenn and Trinity Counties," says HRA Director, Scott Gruendl. "A primary focus of the CAP is to expend funding dollars in our own communities to help boost our local economies."

The Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Partnership provides a wide variety of services including food banks, rental assistance, housing rehabilitation and energy improvements, and services to victims of crime, abuse and neglect.

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For more information about ARRA funding and the opportunities and services it provides, please see the Glenn County Human Resource Agency website at: www.hra.co.glenn.ca.us