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## **IMPERIAL AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES RECEIVE OVER \$87,000 THROUGH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

DAVIS, Calif., July 30, 2009 — Four community facilities projects located in Imperial and Riverside Counties have been awarded over \$87,000 in funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These projects are part of an announcement made by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for 104 community facilities projects in 33 states to receive a total of \$58.1 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

"Rural communities are important to the lifeblood of our country and the Obama Administration is committed to keeping them strong by providing Recovery Act funding for facilities such as day care centers, public buildings and community centers that improve the quality of life in these communities," Vilsack said.

For example, United Families, Inc. of Imperial County will receive a total of \$21,300 to help purchase computer equipment to be used in their Salton City and Westmorland child care centers. The computer equipment will allow United Families to utilize specific early learning programs designed to help children develop their English language skills. United Families operates 11 child care centers throughout the county and provides affordable child care to low income families.

In total, California received eight grant awards for \$257,845. Projects include:

- Clinicas de Salud Del Pueblo, Inc. Mecca Clinic, Riverside County - \$21,560 grant to help purchase electronic medial records equipment
- Niland Fire District, Imperial County - \$15,000 grant to help purchase fire fighting equipment
- United Families, Inc. Salton City Child Care Center, Imperial County - \$10,650 grant to help purchase computer equipment and software
- United Families, Inc. Westmorland Child Care Center, Imperial County - \$10,650 grant to help purchase computer equipment and software
- Kings Community Action Organization, Kings County - \$34,485 grant to help purchase computer stations to be installed at three daycare locations in Kettleman City, Home Garden and Stratford
- Kings Community Action Organization, Kings County - \$37,500 grant to help purchase a walk-in refrigerator at their Food Distribution Center
- Northshore Fire Protection District Nice Station, Lake County - \$78,000 grant to help purchase breathing apparatuses
- Tulare County Redevelopment Agency - \$50,000 grant to help purchase equipment for their Tulare County Trades Training Program

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USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian tribes. Further information is available at one of California's 18 local USDA Rural Development offices or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ca>.

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