American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

Funding Sources: HUD – ARRA
Project Value: $35,412,687
Location:

- **Benedict Park Place Block 4B**
  2215 & 2275 Court Place
- **Benedict Park Place Block 5B**
  2200 Court Place
- **Mulroy Apartments and Opportunity Center**
  3550 W. 13th Ave.
- **Westwood Homes**
  855 Irving St.
- **South Lincoln Highrise**
  10th & Osage St.
- **Columbine Homes**
  201 S. Yuma St.

**Project Background**

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed into law on February 17, 2009, and was established to help stimulate local economies, create new jobs, retain jobs and address infrastructure needs. The Recovery Act included the designation of $1 billion in public housing capital funds. The Denver Housing Authority was awarded five competitive HUD stimulus grants and related ARRA funding. The funding allowed DHA to invest over $35 million in new construction, modernization and energy efficiency improvements to its public housing portfolio, leveraging over $100 million in total investments.

**ARRA Requirements:**

The federal stimulus program mandated new policies, statutory guidelines and stringent reporting requirements for all stimulus grant agencies, administrators, project contractors and subcontractors. These guidelines included, but were not limited to: detailed and accurate monthly reporting of job hours, jobs created and retained, Davis Bacon wages, Resident Employment (Section3) and Buy America provisions. Most prominent of these requirements was that all contracted work had to be obligated within 12 months.

**Small, Minority and Woman-Owned Business Outreach:**

DHA launched the ARRA stimulus program by hosting an outreach session with several local business leaders, minority and woman Chamber presidents and business partners to present an overview of the upcoming projects. Project information and bidding schedules for ARRA funded projects were also presented during DHA’s Annual Procurement Open House and through our automated E-Procurement notification system.

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ARRA Goals Reached:
- DHA obligated 100% of its HUD ARRA formula funding 12 days ahead of deadline.
- The ARRA stimulus funds were successful in helping to fuel the local economy through construction contracts and jobs.
- Public housing residents received employment opportunities as a result of the stimulus funding (Section 3).

Sustainability and Energy Efficiency:
The capital improvement stimulus dollars has funded the following DHA construction projects:

**Benedict Park Place, Block 5B:**
- **Units:** 90, including 30 public housing
- **Cost:** $4.9 million in ARRA funding, $22.9 million project cost
- **Start:** May 2010
- **Complete:** October 2011

**Benedict Park Place, Block 4B:**
Complete infrastructure and streets. Transit oriented development: Orange Line light rail.
- **Cost:** $1.1 million in ARRA funding, $25.8 million project cost
- **Start:** May 2007
- **Complete:** June 2010

**Westwood Homes:**
Renovations including interior and exterior upgrades, energy efficiency improvements, solar and other renewable energy installations.
- **Units:** 192 public housing
- **Cost:** $10 million in ARRA funding, $26 million project cost
- **Start:** August 2010
- **Complete:** February 2012

**John R. Mulroy Apts. & Community Center:**
Interior and exterior improvements to the Mulroy Community Center and enhancements to improve pedestrian access to its future neighborhood light rail station.
- **Units:** 50 public housing
- **Cost:** $1.34 million ARRA funding, $2.25 million project cost
- **Start:** August 2010
- **Complete:** February 2012

**South Lincoln Highrise:**
New construction of a high rise serving seniors. First phase of the South Lincoln Homes Redevelopment. Transit oriented development: Osage Station light rail.
- **Units:** 100 public housing
- **Cost:** $10 million in ARRA funding, $24.8 million project cost
- **Start:** September 2010
- **Complete:** March 2012

**Columbine Homes:**
Installation of 64-40 Gallon Energy Star water heaters.
- **Cost:** $150,000 of ARRA funding (total cost)
- **Start:** October 2009
- **Complete:** March 2010