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**SUBJECT: LAS PALMAS FOUNDATION RECEIVES HUD GRANT
TO HELP THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS**

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ENCINITAS, CA - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson announces \$12.1 million in Service Coordinator grants. The grants will provide more than 6,000 low-income frail elderly and residents with disabilities in federally supported housing with assistance to identify and receive health care, meals and other critical support services.

Seven grants were awarded to California multifamily developments, including Indio Gardens (Indio, CA) which received a 3-year grant in the amount \$278,100. Indio Gardens Apartments is owned by Bentall Residential and **Las Palmas Foundation**, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit housing and development corporation. Las Palmas applied for the grant, immediately after they purchased the apartment building in June 2006.

Indio Gardens is home to 160 low-income frail elderly and residents with disabilities, and is currently under remodeling. The renovations include: 1) Interior remodeling - new windows, cabinets, counter tops, bathroom and kitchen facets, flooring and painting; 2) Exterior improvements - painting of buildings, landscaping and irrigation upgrades. The existing community room will be modernized to include new manager and service coordinator offices, and a computer learning center, as well as new furnishings.

The grants are directed to owners of privately held multifamily housing developments that receive funds from HUD to provide housing to low-income individuals. Las Palmas will hire a full-time service coordinator, who has a background in providing social services, especially to the frail elderly and people with disabilities.

The grant will cover the salary, fringe benefits, and related administrative expenses associated with employing a Service Coordinator at Indio Gardens. The Coordinator will help residents obtain supportive services provided by community agencies. These services enable frail elderly and disabled residents to live as independently as possible in their own homes.

As the U.S. population ages and the number of older Americans grow, there will be an increased need for programs to help the elderly continue living independently in their homes. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of Americans aged 65 and older in 2004 was 36.3 million. California has the highest number of residents in that age group at 3.8 million. A recent study by the National Institute on Aging, estimates that the number of senior citizens aged 65 and older will double in size to 72 million by 2030, accounting for one in every five U.S. residents.

Las Palmas Foundation specializes in the development of affordable housing, and in enhancing the lives of residents in their communities through social service programs. Las Palmas is based in Encinitas, California, and owns more than 4,000 low-income units throughout the state of California.

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