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To: Honorable Vice Chairwoman, Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: **Final Report: Weatherization Assistance Program Funded By the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

This Spring marked the end of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This final report details the success of the WAP/ARRA program under the administration of Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD).

WEATHERIZATION OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

The County was awarded a total of \$6.4 million over the course of 33 months (September 2009 through May 2012) to weatherize the single family homes of 1,069 Miami Dade residents meeting the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. The funding was allocated through two contracts. The second year allocation was contingent on whether CAHSD met its contractual obligations of weatherizing **355 homes in its first year**. Production targets would then almost double for the **second year of funding to 714 homes**.

It should be noted that although CAHSD had administered the Weatherization Assistance Program for over 27 years, WAP/ARRA funding presented challenges never before encountered by the department including production rate increases of 433% in the first year and an additional 460% increase in the second year. CAHSD however, successfully implemented an action plan that included contracting out work to small business enterprises, hiring temporary staff, developing a marketing campaign, and developing systems for tracking progress.

WEATHERIZATION OF MULTI-FAMILY PUBLIC HOUSING BUILDING

CAHSD also applied for and was granted funding to perform **weatherization in over 200 units at two (2) public housing projects: Culmer Place**, located at 610 NW 10th Street, Miami, FL 33136 and **Southridge 1**, located at 11200 SW 192 Street, Miami, FL 33157. This also represented a first for the department which had exclusively weatherized single family homes in the past.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% of the funding was expended;
- The program surpassed its single family weatherization production goal by 4.5%; 1,117 homes were weatherized;
- 212 units in two Public Housing Projects (Culmer Place and Southridge 1) were weatherized;
- Energy savings for those served by WAP/ARRA is estimated at **\$ 782,120.00** to date;
- Over 80 jobs were created/retained; and
- 108 contracts were awarded to certified small business enterprises (SBE) through the competitive bid process.

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