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**NM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**TO AWARD MILLIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES:**  
NEW MEXICO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
PROVIDING LOW OR NO-INTEREST LOANS TO LOW INCOME HOME BUYERS

RUIDOSO – The Department of Finance and Administration, in conjunction with the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment (NMORR), is celebrating Fair Housing Day tomorrow, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort in Mescalero.

During the event, New Mexico will receive several substantial checks from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the Community Development Block Grant program, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The NM Community Development Council will determine local funding allocations after the award ceremony.

The money will be used to fund community infrastructure projects, redevelop abandoned properties, and create low or no-interest loans for low income home buyers.

Former Governor and Executive Director of the NMORR Toney Anaya will accept the funds on behalf of the State of New Mexico, and provide information on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Governor Richardson proclaimed April 15, 2009 as Fair Housing Day to raise awareness of the issues pertaining to fair housing and the equal treatment of all citizens. Department of Finance and Administration staff will be on-site to provide information on the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination in the sale or financing of homes based on race, religion, gender, familial status or disability.

More information on the ARRA funds is available through the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment website: <http://www.recovery.state.nm.us>

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