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## County Selects Riviera Beach Infill Housing Project to Receive Federal HOME Funds

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The Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation (RBCDC) will receive \$897,082 in federal funds to purchase and develop properties in the Parkview Manor South neighborhood in Riviera Beach. The funding, made available by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), was approved Sept. 10 by the Board of County Commissioners and awarded through a competitive bid process for Community Housing Development Corporations.

Plans for this first phase of a \$2.2 million neighborhood restoration project include the development of up to seven (7) three- and four-bedroom single-family homes for resale. Construction will incorporate energy-efficient features including drought-tolerant landscaping, irrigation systems, and impact-resistant windows and doors. Leveraged financing includes \$500,000 from the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Homes will be marketed to veterans, and elderly and disabled individuals through the RBCDC's partnerships with housing counseling agencies and veteran organizations. Three of the homes will be sold to families earning 50 percent of area median income (AMI) or less, and four of the homes will be sold to families earning up to 80 percent AMI. HUD has identified the AMI for Palm Beach County at \$64,600 for a family of four.

Parkview Manor South is situated between 11th and 18th streets and avenues E and F. It is within walking distance to a planned Tri-Rail station at 13th Street and public bus stops. The project is also within a half mile from a Publix grocery store and is close to the Marina District, as well as a Boys and Girls Club facility offering camps and after-school programs for children.

"The use of public-private partnerships is an effective strategy for improving our neighborhoods and creating quality housing within financial reach of struggling families," said County Vice Mayor Priscilla A. Taylor.

Annetta Jenkins, executive director of the RBCDC and project manager for the infill housing project, stressed the need for financing options to further redevelopment efforts. "This neighborhood restoration program will not only provide residents with new homes and flexible financing, it is also an important part of the comprehensive redevelopment that the RBCDC has underway to enhance the way people live, work and play in Riviera Beach."

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