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It IS Easy Being Green at Oakland Housing Public Housing Sites!

New Recycling Program Instituted at Two Large Public Housing Sites

OAKLAND, Calif., March 21, 2008 – The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and Civicorps (formerly East Bay Conservation Corps) were recently awarded a Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling Grant from the California Department of Conservation, and have instituted recycling programs at two large public housing sites.

The grant, totaling \$156,000, will be used to provide recycling services to OHA's larger West Oakland sites at Campbell Village (located at 1657 10th Street) and Peralta Villa (located at 1132 Kirkham Lane). The grant monies will provide common area recycling containers for paper, cardboard, and beverage containers, recycling training sessions, and the equipment used to haul recyclable materials.

“We are pleased to be able to offer recycling services to residents living at these large public housing sites,” said Judy Monnier, senior management analyst, and grant coordinator. “Since these services were not available at large family compounds, we collaborated with Civicorps to acquire grant money to decrease the amount of solid waste going to the landfill, reduce OHA's waste disposal costs, and to help maintain clean and healthy environments for our residents.”

The recycling bins were delivered to the sites at the end of February and the program officially began on March 3. Several recycling informational sessions were held to notify residents of the new program, and to educate them about recycling requirements. Civicorps will use the new trucks purchased with part of the grant money to pick up the recycling on a weekly basis. Civicorps has been serving the community for almost 25 years and currently provides recycling services for more than 200 businesses from their recycling center in West Oakland.

“It is easy being green in partnership with Civicorps,” added Monnier.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is the City of Oakland's state-chartered and federally funded agency to promote the availability of quality housing for low-income persons. OHA works to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of its residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland. The Authority is currently helping to house 14,000 of the city's lowest income families. (www.oakha.org)

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