



Over the past nine months, LACDC has provided technical assistance to four member agencies (Azusa, La Puente, San Dimas, and South El Monte). Working with the consultant, the City of Azusa has identified a free-standing affordable housing project that is potentially eligible for City of Industry funds. Currently, City staff is reviewing next steps, including the possible need for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The consultant team will also continue to work with the other participating cities to further define projects and identify opportunities. It is COG's expectation that this additional assistance will result in one or more projects receiving funding in the upcoming NOFA round.

***San Gabriel Valley Housing and Homeless Services Coordinating Council***

Over the past two years, the COG has engaged San Gabriel Valley stakeholders in a consensus-building process to develop a regional homeless services strategy that would expand and enhance the housing and homeless service delivery system in the region. As a result of this "bottom-up" effort, the COG Governing Board voted unanimously to adopt a Regional Homeless Services Strategy in April 2009. This strategy identified the formation of a region-wide, community-based network called the San Gabriel Valley Housing and Homeless Services Coordinating Council ("Coordinating Council") as a key first step of the implementation strategy.

This Coordinating Council is currently being formed under the guidance of a COG ad hoc homeless services committee. The Coordinating Council will serve as a means to link, enhance, and expand the various housing and homeless services while building partnerships between service providers and San Gabriel Valley local governments. Its mission is to serve as a unifying voice to maximize resources and build capacity to prevent and end homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. The Coordinating Council will be the primary entity in the San Gabriel Valley to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, cities, and others in planning the implementation of housing and homeless services in the region.

During the past month, the Coordinating Council members elected their first Governing Board. This sixteen-member body will host its first meeting on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the West Covina City Hall where they will be introduced to one another and the community at large. Public, private, and not-for-profit agencies are invited to attend. At this meeting, the Governing Board will elect officers and discuss recruitment of an Executive Director. A more detailed staff report is included as Item 6.2.

It is anticipated that the Coordinating Council Executive Director will be co-located with the COG offices during the first year of operations to facilitate access and integration into the Valley's operations. LAHSA will provide administrative payroll services.