Healthy Homes Grantees Region IX, Pacific/Hawaii

Name of Grantee: City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services
Name of Project: Healthy Homes Demonstration Program
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Year of Grant: 2004 – 2007
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Project Partners: Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Health and Physical Education Office, Teacher Resource Center, Women in Nontraditional Employment Roles (WINTER), Indivision Productions, Long Beach Gas and Oil Department, Long Beach Department of Public Works, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program, Apartment Association of California Southern Cities, Cambodian Association of America, Centro Community Hispanic Association

Summary of Project Activities:
In 2004, the Health Department received funding for the amount of $923,132 from HUD to support the development, implementation and evaluation of the Long Beach Healthy Homes program focusing on education, training and community capacity building. The Healthy Homes program provides a coordinated approach designed to control or eliminate household hazards leading to asthma, lead poisoning and unintentional injuries. The City of Long Beach Healthy Homes Demonstration Program provides 1) Accelerated comprehensive housing inspections to 330 housing units in the target census tract area of 5764.03, with priority given to families with children under the age of 18 and those with members identified with asthma and/or severe respiratory problems; 2) One-to-one outreach and education to tenants of these 330 housing units, to include integrated pest management, asthma trigger/allergen reduction, unintentional injuries and lead issues; 3) Facilitation of property owner interventions based on housing inspection deficiencies that emphasize integrated pest management, gas appliance safety, allergen reduction, and elimination of conditions that may cause unintentional injuries; 4) 12 “Family Forum” workshops to 480 residents of the target and other high risks areas; 5) A 45-minute interactive workshop called “Take a Closer Look: Be a Junior Health Inspector” to 2,800 Long Beach Unified School District students in the target and high-risk areas of Long Beach and 6) A visual educational tool for distribution to other communities.

Partner Organizations:
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**Product Outcomes/Outputs:**

**Outcomes of the Long Beach Healthy Homes Demonstration Program will include:**

- 330 units with initial and follow up inspections, as well as a post-intervention routine inspection for evaluation of intervention activities.
- 330 tenants completing a one-on-one on-site and education on asthma and allergy triggers, lead poisoning, insect and rodent infestations, improper food and chemical handling, mold contamination, malfunctioning gas appliances, poor sanitation, and indoor and outdoor safety hazards leading to unintentional injuries.
- Up to 480 Long Beach residents participating in the residential training through the “Unlock Your Door to a Healthier Home Environment” workshops presented throughout Long Beach. Residents learn what housing-based hazards are; how to assess their homes for asthma/allergy triggers, vermin, mold and moisture, gas appliance problems, physical and chemical hazards and lead-based paint; and who to contact for assistance (i.e., landlord, Gas Department, Fire Department, etc.).
- Up to 2800 4th graders in the Long Beach Unified School District elementary school will complete a 45-minute interactive workshop to increase their level of knowledge of housing-based hazards through the Jr. Inspector Checklist.
- Develop and distribute visual educational tool to other communities.