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## **HUD AWARDS \$698,148 TO PROMOTE JOBS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**WHAT:** AUSTIN, Tex. – July 20, 2010 -- The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the HACA Citywide Advisory Board are proud to announce the receipt of the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Grant in the amount of \$698,148. The grant is funded and awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The purpose of the ROSS Service Coordinators Grant Program is to retain staffing necessary to provide service coordination to residents and to create and maintain community partnerships that link individuals and families to self-sufficiency support services.

Services to be coordinated include, but are not limited to: life skills training; adult basic education and literacy services; workforce development and job training; job counseling and job placement; financial literacy training; housing counseling and homeownership preparation; parenting classes; health and wellness classes; youth educational success programs; childcare and transportation assistance; and information on benefit programs that can help families successfully transition to economic self-sufficiency.

ROSS programs serve as a vehicle to create long-term, positive changes that allow public housing residents to find employment that will lead them towards economic and housing independence.

**ABOUT HACA:** The Housing Authority of the City of Austin is a public agency whose business is to ensure that safe, quality affordable housing opportunities exist for families of low income; break the poverty cycle by serving as a catalyst for our residents to become economically self-sufficient; create meaningful partnerships to maximize available community resources for our residents; and efficiently and effectively meet federal, state and local mandates. For more information, please visit [www.hacanet.org](http://www.hacanet.org).

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