RAHALL ANNOUNCES U.D.A.G. GRANT FOR BLUEFIELD

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the City of Bluefield has received a Urban Development Action Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rahall said a total of \$478,800 will be made available to assist in the acquisition and clearing of a site for the Bluefield Distributing Company Warehousing and Distribution Center.

"The funds provided under the U.D.A.G. program will enable the city to purchase the land and clear it," Rahall said. "The Bluefield Distributing Company will in turn lease the land under a 50-year agreement and pay the city \$6,000 per year."

Rahall added that the grant will help in the diversification of Bluefield's economy and also provide jobs.

"I have been informed that once completed, a total of 35 permanent jobs will be created," Rahall commented. "That is in addition to the 32 jobs created in the construction phase of the project."

The total project is expected to cost \$1.2 million with financing being done by the First National Bank of Bluefield and the West Virginia Economic Development Authority.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Regional Administrators

All Category A Field Office Managers

ATTENTION: All Regional Directors for CPD

All Field Office CPD Division Directors

FROM: Jack R. Stokvis, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Community Planning and Development, CD

SUBJECT: Notification to Grantees of Allocations for

the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)

Attached is advance information on the allocations of the \$50 million supplemental appropriation for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, signed into law by the President on July 22. Although these allocations must still be considered unofficial, because of the extremely tight deadlines imposed by the statute I am asking you to notify your grantees immediately of the impending availability of the ESGP funds.

You may notify grantees by phone or in writing, but in doing so you should emphasize the following points:

The Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Plan (CHAP), the prerequisite for receiving funding under any of the programs included in Title IV of the Homeless Assistance Act, including ESGP, is tentatively due September 17. A notice outlining the requirements for the CHAP is expected to be published in the Federal Register on August 3 and will provide details on this plan. Processing instructions for the CHAP will follow shortly.

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- The statute calls for program requirements for this additional \$50 million in ESGP funds to be published by HUD within 60 days of the date the Homeless Assistance Act became law. These requirements will explain those procedures in addition to the CHAP which grantees must follow in order to receive their formula allocation as well as any changes in program rules.
- Although the statute gives HUD 60 days from the date the supplemental appropriation became law (July 11) to officially notify grantees of the ESGP allocation, we expect to provide this notification within the next few weeks.