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## **HOUSING AUTHORITY AIMS TO SAVE MILLIONS BY BOOSTING ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE**

*San Francisco, CA*—San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) is helping the environment while saving millions with a new program. As part of an ongoing effort to reduce costs and energy use, the SFHA is undergoing a Utility Savings Program. The program aims to identify current utility consumption practices and electric, gas, and water usages and implement capital improvement projects. Residents at the developments will see a portfolio of utility conservation measures and the incorporation of green technologies at the developments.

“We have been behind the times when it comes to environmental energy conservation efforts,” explains Mirian Saez, interim executive director of the San Francisco Housing Authority. “This program will benefit our residents, the community, and our overall expenditures and we are excited to finally begin the process.”

SFHA spends over \$12.5 million a year for energy and water. Preliminary reports show that the agency can realize between \$3 to \$4 million in annual savings on water, sewer, electric, and gas costs. The savings will go toward financing the capital improvement projects.

The SFHA has selected a company that specializes in energy services to conduct a comprehensive utility savings program. The service will include an audit of the agency’s energy/water consumption practices, the identification of utility saving measures, and the implementation of capital improvement projects such as lighting retrofits, the installation of energy efficient appliances, equipment, and ventilation systems, water conservation measures, and many other home upgrades at all the developments. Simultaneously, SFHA will conduct an extensive educational outreach campaign around energy and water conservation to its residents.

The SFHA has 50 residential facilities throughout the City and provide homes to nearly 12,000 low-income individuals and families. The SFHA also provide services to 21,000 Section 8 participants.

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