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**GARY HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED \$3 MILLION GRANT FOR DEMOLITION AT DELANEY
AND CONCORD WEST DEVELOPMENTS**

Gary, Indiana-The Gary Housing Authority (GHA) will soon be able to demolish housing units at two of its housing developments on the city's west side after receiving a \$3 Million HUD grant.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson announced that Gary Housing has been awarded a Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security grant in the amount of \$3, 212, 125. HUD's Midwest Regional Administrator, Joseph P. Galvan was in Gary today to attend a press conference at Gary City Hall announcing the grant and to deliver the ceremonial check.

Galvan said, "These funds will be used to address emergency, safety and security needs impacting the residents of Gary and HUD assisted communities. The grant is highly competitive in nature. Gary should feel pleased."

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said, "Over the past six years, through federal "Hardest Hit" funds, state funding, county local income tax dollars, private partnerships and our in-house demolition, we have been able to demolish 700-1000 abandoned structures. The National Guard demolished 20 properties last year."

"We have 4000-5000 more structures to demolish, but this is evidence of the power of collaboration and a great day for our city and the Gary Housing Authority. I congratulate Director Marsh and the GHA family for their hard work to continue revitalization in Gary and thank our partners, federal officials and all involved in making this grant a reality."

The grant will facilitate demolition of the Delaney housing development and Concord Village West. GHA officials are planning for demolition to start mid-summer.