

UAACOG BOARD REPORT
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DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Housing Department – Mutual Self-Help Housing

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REPORTING PERIOD: December 2009/January 2010

PURPOSE: To assist low-income families to become economically self-sufficient and independent of government and community assistance programs.

GOALS:

<i>Number of Clients planned</i>	<i>Number of Clients served</i>
15 Homes	4 Complete

Program year runs: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 Extension thru Dec 2009 18 mo
New Grant runs September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011

<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Spent</i>	<i>% of Funds Spent</i>	% of Year expired
\$400,000	\$400,000.00*	100%	100%
\$440,000	\$ 26,096.33*	5.93%	10% of 2yr grant

*Financial information through October 2009

Expected changes to budget? None

Highlights: Four families were approved for the next group in Prairie Sage. One of those families was laid-off in November. We had to inform Rural Development in December, and of course, they determined them ineligible. But we had another family (single mom) that was in process of completing her application. We're working hard to get her qualified to be in the next group. Closing for the first three will be February 10, 2010.

It has been a struggle with Rural Development getting these loans closed. Once again, they have had personnel changes. As luck would have it, the person assigned to our agency does not have any experience with Self-Help Housing (actually not a clue). We sent all required paperwork into them in a timely manner, but they had several reasons not to treat our needs as a priority. We are holding a Partnering meeting (mandatory for families as a team-building experience) February 10 after closing. We hope the new RD staff person will enjoy the 'experience' and realize the importance of getting our families into homes.

Upcoming Events and FYI's:

Heads Up aka "DUCK"

Letters, notes, testimonials, client stories:

