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*Rep. Luján Will Continue to Work with Local Governments to Implement Recovery Plan*

Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján announced distributions from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for New Mexico's Third Congressional District. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will distribute \$116,504 to Farmington, \$84,497 to Rio Rancho, and \$155,961 for Santa Fe. The funding will come from the Community Development Block Grant program that assists local communities with a wide range of projects that provide housing for families and create economic opportunities. Projects that can begin within 120 days of the grant will get priority under the program.

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will create opportunities for families throughout the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District," said Rep. Luján. "Just one week after President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law, communities are already beginning to see the benefits. Community development funding will help families and create and save jobs through a wide range of projects that can begin soon. This is a type of program that will help communities get back on track during this difficult economic time."

Rep. Luján will work with local officials to make sure recovery funding goes to communities and begins to save and create jobs to get our economy working again. Rep. Luján's Economic Recovery team will be available to answer questions about the funding and other programs from constituents and local officials. The team, established on Monday, will be the first point of contact for public and private officials and constituents interested in learning about the benefits of the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As funding is allocated for programs in New Mexico, the team will work with local officials and constituents, providing information about funding and assisting with implementation.

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