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### HUD awards \$5 million to 22 public housing agencies

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an effort to keep public housing residents safe and secure, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is awarding \$5 million in grants to 22 public housing authorities.

Among these 22 authorities, the housing authority of the City of Gallup was awarded \$250,000.

“One of the major problems we have in our six Public Housing Developments is the lack of secure perimeter fencing to keep our residents safe,” Gallup Housing Authority Executive Director Richard F. Kontz said in a press email. “We will be getting \$250,000 fence our properties with gated entries and to provide security lighting through out our developments.”

HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

The Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program supports public housing authorities as they address the safety of public housing residents. The grants may be used to install, repair or replace capital needs items including security systems/surveillance cameras, fencing, lighting systems, emergency alarm systems, window bars, deadbolt locks and doors.

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“The families we support who live in public housing deserve to feel safe in their homes,” HUD Secretary Ben Carson said. “HUD wants to ensure the safety and security of public housing residents and these grants offer neighborhoods and communities the tools they need to help keep their residents safe.”

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