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\$35,000 – CDBG

CDBG Success Story

Home Enhancement Program

Riverside County, CA: Valle Vista

Problem or need addressed: The Home Enhancement Program (HEP) provides grants to rehabilitate the exterior needs of owner-occupied single-family residences in unincorporated communities and cooperative cities within the County of Riverside. Being a homeowner doesn't mean you are always economically ready for upgrades when they are most needed. The HEP prioritizes the repairs and improvements based on the health, safety, neighborhood enhancement, and needs of the property and can vary from roofing issues to windows, doors, fencing, painting, and other exterior upgrades.

Success Story: We received a referral for assistance to a family in Valle Vista. The needs were visible just standing across the street. This home's roof was extremely bad, and they had placed a tarp trying to keep the water out when it rained. The fascia boards had rotted and the ceiling in the living room had already caved in in certain sections, the back block wall (fencing) was hit by a vehicle, and the culprit left the scene, she had an old sliding door and didn't open anymore and some of her doors needed to be replaced.

The property owner, Kristy; a 49-year-old single mother, was in and out of the hospital dealing with chemotherapy and Lupus, and as a whole, we were all going thru Covid. Sometimes life throws a curveball at us and it's just too much to handle. Our program was able to help with several of the much-needed exterior improvements. We also received approval and the Home Enhancement Program was able to go the extra mile, we repaired the inside of the ceiling of her home because it was completely visible from the outside of our home. After all, repairs were made, we changed the family's outlook on their living situation, and we were able to make it once again a haven called home.

Months later, we got both strong winds and heavy rain. I received a call from none other than Kristy, she was in tears, and she said she just want to thank us because, for the first time in a long time, it was not raining inside her home. She was so appreciative, which made both our hearts sunnier on that rainy day.

Results: Riverside County's Home Enhancement Program has been able to assist 83 families to stay in their homes making it a safer living environment. This year HEP will benefit 22 qualified families with much-needed home preservation assistance. We are working hard to improve, renovate, and repair the lives of our families with limited incomes.



Before



After

