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## **Casa Connection Grant Recipients**

### **The Community Coming Together**

**Deming, NM—DECEMBER 22, 2022—** The City of Deming has been working toward answering the need of a housing crisis for many years. The City of Deming is eager for the opportunity to access State Funding through the Casa Connection Grant to fill the gap on addressing a prominent need in the community. This Project addresses homeless families and individuals - two of Deming's most vulnerable populations- by rehabilitating an existing building to serve as a transitional housing complex that supports the need of programs managed through organizations such as The Deming Public Schools McKinney Vento Program and Deming Silver Linings. “Individuals experiencing homelessness often have one or more underlying issues for which there are programs and resources available – our intent is to be able to better connect our community to those resources so that they have the opportunity to successfully overcome the barriers in their paths,” says Mayor Benny Jasso.

Deming, Luna County currently lacks a transitional housing complex of any sort. The project will address this directly, as well as be a true hub for accessible services. “This is the next appropriate step in addressing the need in our community. The City of Deming and County of Luna are diligently working to provide the appropriate infrastructure for programs that serve the community to operate efficiently and effectively, ultimately allowing our community to flourish,” says County Manager, Chris Brice.

The outcomes of this Project have exponential benefits. Within the plans, existing properties will be rehabilitated, and new life will be given to the heart of Deming. The plans include a commercial-grade kitchen that will benefit exiting services provided by Deming Silver Linings and other non-profits. Adequate office space for service providers will also be utilized as a complete system to help those in need in our community. "This transitional housing complex is positioned to be successful because the City and County are working together to ensure that we capitalize on the services, entities, and infrastructure that already exist in the community, and allow them to expand and operate to their full potential. It's not only fiscally responsible keep duplication of efforts to a minimum, but operationally responsible to ensure that the programs and facilities that we invest in for the community, remain effective for years to come," says City Manager, Aaron Sera.

The City of Deming, County of Luna, and Deming Luna County Economic Development, Inc. are working closely with local partners to bring this project to fruition and are excited about the impacts of the Project. "We appreciate the collaboration between our local governments and their commitment to meeting our Mission of creating opportunities for our diverse population. We would also like to thank the staff from the State of New Mexico for taking the time to tour our community and see first-hand the need, but more importantly the perseverance of Deming's entities to provide for our community," says DLCED President, Jamie Walsh.

For additional information or questions, please contact the City of Deming at 575-546-8848.

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