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Hispanic Directors Praises Governor Corzine for Strengthening Anti-Poverty Programs

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The Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey (HDANJ) today praised the decision by Governor Jon Corzine to boost funding by \$1 million for the Center for Hispanic Policy Research and Development at the Department of Community Affairs.

"The Center is a key component in the struggle against poverty in New Jersey's growing Latino community," said Daniel Santo Pietro, executive director of HDANJ. "It funds most of the core programs provided by Latino community-based organizations across the state. They are a first line of defense for those who find themselves in crisis."

Santo Pietro continued: "We expect the funds will be used to strengthen existing programs, most of which have received the same level of funding for many years despite rising costs, and for new initiatives. We thank Governor Corzine for taking a good step in the fight against poverty."

HDANJ is the umbrella organization for 33 Latino, community-based non-profits agencies across New Jersey, from Cape May to Passaic County.