



FACT SHEET

Homekey Awards

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\$137 million awarded to 15 jurisdictions for 19 projects (938 units)

The COVID-19 pandemic has put people experiencing homelessness at great risk and has disproportionately affected certain communities that could fall into homelessness. To address this, Project Roomkey, a state-led effort to acquire hotel rooms for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who are at highest risk of COVID-19, was created. It has served more than 22,000 people.

Building off the success of Project Roomkey, Homekey is California's innovative \$600 million program to purchase and rehabilitate housing, including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings and other properties, and convert them into permanent, long-term housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, additional awards are expected weekly until all \$600 million has been awarded.

Lake County creating safe places to live for residents until they are connected to permanent housing

Location: Lake County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Lake County

Project name: Hope Center for Transformation Project

Award amount: \$3,380,244

About the project: The Hope Center will serve up to 20 homeless people at a time as they prepare to move into permanent housing.

Highlights: There are currently no year-round emergency shelter services available or low-barrier transitional housing units in Lake County.

Bringing permanent housing with supportive services to Tulare County

Location: Tulare County

Region: San Joaquin Valley

Applicant: Tulare County

Project name: Tulare County Homekey

Award amount: \$5,200,000

About the project: Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency will leverage Homekey funds to acquire a 45-room motel in Tulare County. The project will immediately begin operating the majority of the units as non-congregate shelter, while the remaining units are rehabilitated into permanent supportive housing.

Highlights: At full capacity, the project will provide permanent housing for 45 individuals experiencing homelessness who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Residents will receive supportive services to participants.

Permanent homes for seniors and people with disabilities who are disproportionately affected by COVID

Location: Mariposa County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Mariposa County

Project name: Mariposa Homekey 27-room Project

Award amount: \$4,148,000

About the project: Mariposa County will purchase a 27-room hotel that the County has already been operating, ensuring the County can continue to provide shelter and patient care at the site for years to come.

Highlights: The project will focus on serving seniors and people under 65 who have a disability. Although, combined, these two groups make up 42.1 percent of the County's population, they represent a disproportionate 54 percent of the county's existing COVID sheltered homeless population.

Del Norte County moving from no full-time homeless shelter to permanent housing for those experiencing homelessness

Location: Del Norte County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Del Norte County

Project name: Homekey Del Norte

Award amount: \$2,832,000

About the project: The Del Norte project will convert an existing 30-unit motel into interim housing and then complete minimal rehabilitation to convert the facility into permanent housing.

Highlights: Del Norte County does not currently have a full-time homeless shelter. The only emergency shelter that exists has 13 beds and is only permitted to operate during inclement weather. The units provided in the permanent phase of this project will house more than 15 percent of Del Norte County's unsheltered population.

Ensuring people experiencing homelessness have access to services in neighborhood lifted by new investments

Location: Sacramento

Region: Sacramento Area

Applicant: Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

Project name: Bercut Village

Award amount: \$12,484,098

About the project: Through this project, a hotel will be converted into 102 units of interim housing and will serve 106 households that are either homeless or at-risk of homelessness and affected by COVID-19. The site will then be converted into permanent supportive housing.

Highlights: Due to reinvestments in the neighborhood the project will be conveniently located near services.

Existing building to convert to studio and one-bedroom homes without need to disrupt or relocate tenants

Location: City of Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Project name: City of Los Angeles: Homekey 1

Award amount: \$8,960,000

About the project: Through this project, the Housing Authority will acquire a residential building with 40 studio and one-bedroom units and provide permanent housing to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: This project represents a unique opportunity to purchase an existing building without having to relocate existing commercial or residential tenants.

Elderly and medically compromised individuals to receive priority for new, permanent housing

Location: City of Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Project name: City of Los Angeles: Homekey 2

Award amount: \$2,200,000

About the project: The Housing Authority will purchase an 11-unit property that will immediately increase the local supply of permanent housing. The project will work to serve households exiting Project Roomkey units, as well as those identified on list of high-priority elderly and medically compromised individuals.

Highlights: This project will help meet the local need by immediately increasing the supply of larger housing units (2- and 3-bedroom units). The building, which must remain affordable for 55 years is expected to serve approximately 340 individuals.

Three projects in city of Los Angeles to quickly move people from interim housing into permanent homes

Location: City of Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Project name: City of Los Angeles: Homekey 3

Award amount: \$15,412,836

About the project: The Housing Authority will purchase a facility with 91 rooms and provide interim housing for 137 individuals/families experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: The Housing Authority expects individuals served by this project to move into permanent housing within three to 12 months depending on their need for supportive services and the availability of appropriate units. During the first five years of operation as interim housing, this project is expected to serve approximately 1,365 people.

Location: City of Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Project name: City of Los Angeles: Homekey 4

Award amount: \$13,328,473

About the project: Through this project, the Housing Authority will purchase a facility with 75 rooms and provide interim housing for 113 individuals/families experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: The Housing Authority expects individuals served by this project to move into permanent housing within three to twelve months, depending on their need for supportive services and the availability of appropriate units. During the first five years of operation as interim housing, this project is expected to serve approximately 1,125 people.

Location: City of Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Project name: City of Los Angeles: Homekey 6

Award amount: \$8,563,350

About the project: Through this project, the Housing Authority will purchase a motel that will provide 52 units of interim and permanent housing.

Highlights: The project will serve households exiting Project Roomkey units. The building, which must remain affordable for 55 years, is expected to serve approximately 1,144 individuals.

Filling a crucial gap in the Long Beach's homeless services through 100 new units of interim housing

Location: Long Beach

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: City of Long Beach

Project name: Homekey Project Long Beach

Award amount: \$16,678,000

About the project: The City of Long Beach will convert an existing hotel into 100 units of interim housing. The project will prioritize serving individuals who have been supported by Project Roomkey operations, who have already been matched to a housing resource, or are high priority for housing match. The project will provide bridge housing for people transitioning to permanent housing within 24 months, along with comprehensive supportive services.

Highlights: Current interim housing options in Long Beach remain limited due to lack of resources. Interim housing options often rely solely on motel vouchers and are only offered to veterans, families, and those experiencing domestic violence. The proposed project will begin to fill a crucial gap in the city's homeless services by serving 6.3 percent of the unsheltered population in Long Beach and ensuring more effective transitions into permanent housing.

Creating equity by reaching underserved populations in Santa Barbara County agricultural community

Location: Santa Barbara County

Region: Central Coast

Applicant: Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara

Project name: Homekey SBC

Award amount: \$3,122,959

About the project: Through this project, the Housing Authority will acquire an office building to convert into permanent housing with supportive services for people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: The project will provide permanent housing in an agricultural community in Santa Barbara County. The Housing Authority has developed an equity strategy to reach underserved populations, which includes outreach in Spanish and English as well as Spanish and Mixteco speaking staff.

One of only three recognized “landless tribes” in California to create permanent housing near transit with access to tribal office and health clinic

Location: Lake County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Project name: Multifamily Acquisition Project

Award amount: \$1,240,000

About the project: The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians will rehabilitate a 10-unit multifamily residential property to convert into permanent housing. The property includes one-, two-, and three- bedroom units. The project is easily accessible by both public transit and tribally provided transportation to the tribal office and the Lake County Tribal Health Clinic.

Highlights: This is Homekey’s second tribal project to be recommended for award. The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians is a landless tribe — one of only three of California’s 109 recognized tribes — which has further exacerbated the community’s housing challenges. It is estimated that the tribe includes four people experiencing homelessness 36 individuals at-risk of homelessness, all of whom are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. This project will create permanent homes for 10 Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians' households (a total of 30 to 42 individuals).

Permanent homes to protecting Stockton residents experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness

Location: City of Stockton

Region: San Joaquin Valley

Applicant: City of Stockton

Project name: Town Center Studios

Award amount: \$4,289,095

About the project: The City of Stockton is acquiring and renovating an existing 39-unit motel into permanent housing.

Highlights: The project, located in the City of Stockton, will serve people who are experiencing or at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness, and who are also determined to be at increased risk for serious illness from COVID-19.

Hotel in Alameda County converting to permanent housing with services to help residents remain stable

Location: Alameda County

Region: Bay Area

Applicant: Alameda County

Project name: Alameda County Homekey

Award amount: \$14,493,500

About the project: Alameda County will purchase an existing hotel and operate the property as permanent supportive housing for extremely low-income individuals who have been homeless. The site will continue to be used to house those who have been homeless and are at risk of COVID-19.

Highlights: The property is currently leased by the county and being used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reducing homelessness in Sutter County by converting hotel to permanent supportive housing

Location: Sutter County

Region: Sacramento Area

Applicant: Sutter County

Project name: Sutter County Permanent-Housing Project

Award amount: \$6,753,750

About the project: The county will acquire a hotel to use for permanent housing with on- and off-site supportive services. The project will provide 62 one-bedroom units and house people who experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: This 62-room project will provide permanent housing for approximately 60 to 125 people experiencing homelessness effectively reducing the PIT count by nearly 9 percent for the county.

Humboldt County converting motel to permanent homes and housing for people exiting hospitals who still need medical care

Location: Humboldt County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Humboldt County

Project name: Providence Eureka House

Award amount: \$4,306,455

About the project: The proposed Homekey project will allow 42 units to serve as permanent supportive housing, and 6 units to provide recuperative care services to people experiencing homelessness who are exiting hospitals, but still needing medical care.

Highlights: This project is a 48-unit permanent supportive housing motel conversion.

Los Angeles County acquiring motel to create permanent housing for vulnerable residents

Location: Los Angeles County

Region: Los Angeles

Applicant: County of Los Angeles

Project name: County of Los Angeles: Homekey 6

Award amount: \$7,409,518

About the project: This motel acquisition will allow the County of Los Angeles to house approximately 56 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Highlights: The County of Los Angeles will fulfill its commitment to address homelessness by expanding access to the most crucial resource: permanent housing.

**Community comes together to create interim housing on
operating farm with onsite job training**

Location: Tehama County

Region: Balance of State

Applicant: Tehama County

Project name: Sale House

Award amount: \$2,342,000

About the project: Acquisition of the Sale House project will prevent the loss of 10 existing units and increase the number of available interim housing in the county with an additional 6 manufactured units.

Highlights: The Sale House property is located on an operating farm that will provide job training. The community is very supportive of the project and is making in-kind contributions (repairs, real estate fees, etc.) to support the project.