



## FACT SHEET

# Homekey Awards

### Announced October 9, 2020

*\$147 million awarded to 12 jurisdictions for 20 projects (1,109 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 12,000 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.*

### **In Fresno County, more than 200 people experiencing homelessness will have permanent place to call home**

**Location:** County of Fresno

**Region:** San Joaquin Valley

**Applicant:** County of Fresno

**Project name:** Crossroads Village

**Award amount:** \$15,329,402

**About the project:** With Homekey funding, Fresno County will acquire a motel that can be immediately occupied by individuals experiencing homelessness. This innovative project — Crossroads Village — will provide permanent housing for more than 200 individuals.

**Highlights:** When the COVID-19 pandemic began, Fresno County and its partners immediately operationalized nearly 300 emergency shelter beds to allow people experiencing homelessness to shelter in place. The beds were filled quickly and have remained at nearly full occupancy every night since. Crossroads Village will provide permanent housing for people who are currently in emergency shelters.

## **Former motel to become home for more than 100 people in Los Angeles County**

**Location:** County of Los Angeles

**Region:** Los Angeles

**Applicant:** County of Los Angeles

**Project name:** County of Los Angeles: Homekey 7

**Award amount:** \$8,609,008

**About the project:** The County of Los Angeles will acquire a motel to house approximately 43 people who are experiencing homelessness.

**Highlights:** The county and nonprofit service providers will leverage Measure H resources and other state/federal funds to provide supportive services and rental assistance to residents.

## **Protecting 40 Los Angeles County residents from COVID-19 through permanent homes**

**Location:** County of Los Angeles

**Region:** Los Angeles

**Applicant:** County of Los Angeles

**Project name:** County of Los Angeles: Homekey 8

**Award amount:** \$7,564,000

**About the project:** The County of Los Angeles will acquire a property to permanently house approximately 40 individuals who are experiencing homelessness and affected by COVID-19.

**Highlights:** The county and nonprofit service providers will leverage Measure H resources and other state/federal funds to provide supportive services and rental assistance to residents. This project will support the county's efforts to implement its 2016 plan to combat and prevent homelessness.

## **Local governments joining to invest in housing and surrounding neighborhood, bringing vulnerable Orange County residents home**

**Location:** Orange County

**Region:** Southern California

**Applicant:** Orange County

**Project name:** Orange County: Homekey 1

**Award amount:** \$13,440,000

**About the project:** Orange County will acquire a 60-unit motel that will be immediately rehabilitated and rapidly occupied as interim housing. The project will then be renovated and converted into permanent supportive housing.

**Highlights:** The property is located close to services and amenities. City and county government are coordinating efforts to invest in the surrounding neighborhood while also addressing the need for housing for people experiencing homelessness.

**Project name:** Orange County: Homekey 2

**Award amount:** \$9,648,000

**About the project:** Orange County will acquire a 72-unit motel to house people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will undergo immediate repairs and will be rapidly occupied as interim housing. The property will then be converted into permanent supportive housing.

**Highlights:** The property is located close to services and amenities.

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## **Rehabilitated motel in Marin County to become permanent homes**

**Location:** County of Marin

**Region:** Bay Area

**Applicant:** County of Marin

**Project name:** Marin County: Homekey 1

**Award amount:** \$3,762,830

**About the project:** The County of Marin will purchase an 18-unit motel that will initially provide interim housing for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The county will conduct rehabilitation as needed. Over time, units will be converted to permanent housing.

**Highlights:** The project will prioritize serving those with a pathway to permanent housing through the county's well-established "coordinated entry system."

**Housing shortage from wildfires to be partially addressed  
though conversion of shelters to permanent homes for  
120 Ventura County residents**

**Location:** County of Ventura

**Region:** Southern California

**Applicant:** County of Ventura

**Project name:** Ventura County: Homekey

**Award amount:** \$11,145,000

**About the project:** The County of Ventura will purchase a 70-unit facility to house extremely low-income individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The project will provide non-congregate shelter during the COVID crisis, and then will transition to permanent supportive housing.

**Highlights:** This project will help address the housing shortage in Ventura County that resulted from the Thomas, Woolsey, and Hill Fires, which destroyed more than 800 housing units and damaged hundreds more. Currently, 120 unsheltered individuals with underlying conditions that make them susceptible to COVID-19 are participating in the county's motel voucher program. Homekey will increase the permanent housing options available to these individuals.

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**Sonoma County to protect elderly adults at risk of COVID-19 by  
creating permanent homes close to services and amenities**

**Location:** County of Sonoma

**Region:** Bay Area

**Applicant:** County of Sonoma

**Project name:** Sonoma County: Homekey

**Award amount:** \$10,912,000

**About the project:** The Sonoma County Community Development Commission will purchase a motel to convert into 44 units of interim housing with a path to permanent supportive housing. The project will modify rooms to add kitchenettes.

**Highlights:** The site is located in near services and amenities. The project will give priority to people transitioning out of non-congregate shelters who are elderly and at-risk of COVID-19.

## **Six Los Angeles motels to convert to both interim and permanent housing for vulnerable individuals and families**

**Location:** City of Los Angeles

**Region:** Los Angeles

**Applicant:** Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 5

**Award amount:** \$4,874,015

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles is acquiring a 31-unit motel to convert into interim housing for 47 individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

**Highlights:** The facility already includes a lobby/community room and outdoor seating area. During the first five years of operation as interim housing, this project is expected to serve approximately 465 people.

**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 7

**Award amount:** \$9,555,848

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles is acquiring a 59-unit motel that will serve as interim housing. The project will eventually be converted into permanent housing.

**Highlights:** The project will target highly vulnerable, single adults who are experiencing homelessness who are also at risk of contracting COVID-19, experiencing complications, or spreading the virus. The project will also serve those who may be recovering from COVID-19.

**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 8

**Award amount:** \$7,775,006

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles will purchase a 49-unit motel for immediately use as interim housing. The housing authority expects to convert the property into permanent housing within five years.

**Highlights:** The project will target highly vulnerable, single adults who are experiencing homelessness who are also at risk of contracting COVID-19, experiencing complications, or spreading the virus. The project will also serve those who may be recovering from COVID-19.

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**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 9

**Award amount:** \$3,572,493

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles will purchase a motel that will immediately be converted into 23 units of interim housing. The housing authority expects to convert the facility into permanent housing within five years.

**Highlights:** During the first five years of operation as interim housing, this project is expected to serve approximately 345 people. The project exceeds state and federal accessibility standards, with 10 percent of the units mobility accessible and 4 percent accessible for people with vision/hearing loss.

**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 10

**Award amount:** \$7,244,426

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles will acquire a 40-unit motel that is comprised of 16 studios and 24 one-bedrooms. The project will be occupied as interim housing for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness for up to five years, after which it will be converted into permanent housing.

**Highlights:** This project exceeds accessibility standards and includes supportive services for residents.

**Project name:** City of Los Angeles: Homekey 11

**Award amount:** \$6,508,367

**About the project:** The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles will acquire a recently constructed, four-story, multifamily property with 41 studio units. The property will be immediately used as permanent housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The property will be used as permanent housing for 55 years.

**Highlights:** The building has an elevator and exceeds accessibility standards.

## Moving from unsheltered to home in Nevada County

**Location:** Nevada County

**Region:** Balance of State

**Applicant:** Nevada County

**Project name:** Nevada County: Homekey 2

**Award amount:** \$2,797,750

**About the project:** Nevada County will purchase an 18-unit hotel that will be converted into interim housing for people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered. The project will include a program that offers immediate, safe housing with supportive services. With additional funding, the project will be converted into 20-units of affordable housing for individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

**Highlights:** According to the 2019 “point-in-time” homelessness count, the county has 117 year-round shelter beds and 219 people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered. The units provided in the permanent phase of this project will house 10 percent of Nevada County’s unsheltered population.

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## Creating permanent homes with supportive services for women and children escaping unsafe housing situations

**Location:** City of Sacramento

**Region:** Sacramento Area

**Applicant:** City of Sacramento

**Project name:** Sacramento: Homekey 2

**Award amount:** \$1,566,000

**About the project:** Sacramento will purchase 9 permanent manufactured housing units that will serve immediately as permanent housing.

**Highlights:** These manufactured homes will serve women and children escaping unsafe housing situations and provide them with ongoing services.

## **Rehabilitating motels to protect San Bernardino County's most-vulnerable residents**

**Location:** San Bernardino County

**Region:** Southern California

**Applicant:** San Bernardino County

**Project name:** San Bernardino County: Homekey 1

**Award amount:** \$7,638,570

**About the project:** San Bernardino County will rehabilitate a 76-unit motel in San Bernardino.

**Highlights:** San Bernardino County expects to house 133 individuals who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

**Project name:** San Bernardino County: Homekey 2

**Award amount:** \$4,400,000

**About the project:** The county will purchase a facility that will be operated as non-congregate interim housing for people who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All potential residents will be prioritized by and referred through the "coordinated entry system" based on vulnerability. The project will be developed in two phases. The first phase will provide 28 units of interim housing for up to 49 individuals until permanent solutions become available. The second phase will increase capacity to up to 135 individuals.

**Highlights:** The facility includes residential units, a commercial kitchen, a multi-purpose room, several office buildings, park-like landscaping, multiple outdoor recreation areas, a covered pavilion, and three double-wide modular units.

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## **Fourteen homes to be created near social services and food distribution for people experiencing homelessness**

**Location:** Placer County

**Region:** Sacramento Area

**Applicant:** Placer County

**Project name:** Placer County Project Homekey

**Award amount:** \$1,400,000

**About the project:** Placer County will acquire and rehabilitate a 14-unit motel to provide housing to individuals experiencing homelessness who have mental health issues.

**Highlights:** The project is within walking distance of services and amenities, including a resource center that provides social services and food distribution.



**Lifting up those affected by ethnic and economic disparities in city where a disproportionate number of people experience homelessness**

**Location:** City of Salinas

**Region:** Central Coast

**Applicant:** City of Salinas

**Project name:** Salinas Homekey

**Award amount:** \$9,223,536

**About the project:** The City of Salinas will acquire a motel that will be converted into interim housing. The project will serve at least 101 chronically homeless people who are affected by COVID-19. In the second year, these units will be converted to permanent housing with supportive services and serve 110 people who are medically frail, chronically homeless, and referred by local service providers.

**Highlights:** The unsheltered population in Salinas is particularly at risk. Salinas is about 33 percent of Monterey County's population but comprises almost 50 percent of the homeless population. With significant ethnic and economic disparities, such as a large Latino population (75 percent) disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and poverty rate over 17 percent, Salinas has been hit hard by the pandemic. Nearly 60 percent of the county's COVID-19 cases are in Salinas.