



FACT SHEET

Homekey Awards

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\$30 million awarded to three jurisdictions for three projects (122 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.

Permanent housing for up to 30 Native Americans and others experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Location: Eureka

Region: Balance of the State

Applicant: Yurok Indian Housing Authority (YIHA)

Project name: Arcata House Partnership/YIHA Eureka Homeless Housing Project

Award amount: \$2,207,365

About the project: The Yurok Indian Housing Authority will purchase a motel in Eureka for use as permanent housing for 30 people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlights: Native Americans in Humboldt County represent the highest group/race of unsheltered persons in Humboldt County, and also face increased risk of COVID-19 complications. At least 25 percent of units will be reserved for Native Americans and will provide permanent housing no later than mid-December.

Emergency shelter and permanent housing for more than 113 individuals in Paso Robles

Location: Paso Robles

Region: Central Coast

Applicant: City of San Luis Obispo

Project name: Paso Robles Homekey

Award amount: \$15,040,113

About the project: The Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo will purchase a 122-unit motel in Paso Robles that will provide both emergency shelter and permanent housing.

Highlights: Paso Robles has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 – and has a higher proportion of non-white residents – than the rest of San Luis Obispo County. Currently the city has very limited services for individuals experiencing homelessness and lacks a permanent emergency shelter.

A Los Angeles motel well suited to convert to 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 12

Award amount: \$13,475,816

About the project: The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles is acquiring a recently constructed 70-unit motel that will be used as interim housing while it is being converted to permanent housing.

Highlights: The facility includes large rooms that make it particularly suitable for permanent housing. It will initially be used as interim housing and partially occupied while kitchens are installed so that it can be fully converted to permanent housing by the end of 2021.