State Housing Department awards $279 million in infrastructure grants to support new affordable homes for Californians

SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has awarded more than $279 million from the Infill Infrastructure Grant program to communities in large- and small-population counties throughout the state for infrastructure improvements that support the development of affordable and mixed-income housing.

Although the program does not fund the development of the housing itself, the infrastructure it provides is necessary for housing development. Capital improvement projects funded by these awards will create curbs and gutters and allow for grading and site improvements, installation of new, larger water and sewer lines, and soil stabilization. As a result of this funding, the affordable homes produced will provide approximately 3,700 individuals and families with safe, affordable homes, which will remain affordable for 55 years or longer, serving multiple households over time, and allowing families to break the cycle of poverty.

“Cities identified lack of infrastructure as one of the challenges to building housing,” said HCD Director Gustavo Velasquez. “Governor Newsom responded with funding for this program in his 2019-20 budget, and we’re pleased to get this funding to communities where they can take the next step and create more homes affordable to Californians in need, serving multiple families for generations to come.”

View award lists for large jurisdictions and small jurisdictions

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