



Hope Cooperative, The John Stewart Company, SHRA, The City and County of Sacramento join forces to bring 2 Homekey Projects to Sacramento to address the Housing Crisis for People Experiencing Homelessness.

SACRAMENTO—On Tuesday, October 10, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the first grant awards from Round 3 of Homekey, the Administration’s initiative to help jurisdictions rapidly expand availability of permanent housing for individuals and families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. A key feature of HomeKey projects is that they are expected to be ready to be occupied in one year.

“Governor Newsom’s signature Homekey program continues to demonstrate progress through partnership on solutions that rapidly create deeply affordable homes for people exiting homelessness,” said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez.

Two of the nine projects funded were right here in the Sacramento Community!

The Rodeway Inn, a motel conversion, will become 70 studio units for people exiting homelessness. This is a partnership between the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), The City of Sacramento and local nonprofit, Hope Cooperative. The project is in District 6 and will also include a partnership with Sacramento County Behavioral Health to support 30 Full-Service Partnership units for people experiencing homelessness.

“We are excited to bring this unique housing opportunity to the City of Sacramento featuring an onsite employment partnership with Goodwill Sacramento and the Power Inn Alliance to give our residents a real chance at self-sufficiency when they are ready” said Hope Cooperative CEO, Erin Johansen. “This permanent housing option with wraparound services is long overdue to provide people safe and affordable housing as they transition from the streets to shelters, to homes. The City is proud to continue to push for collaborative ways to end homelessness,” said Vice Mayor Eric Guerra.

Located in District 3, The Arden Star motel will feature 124 studio and 1-bedroom units dedicated to seniors experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. *“Through these collaborative efforts, we are taking significant strides in addressing the housing crisis for those experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County,” said Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chair Rich Desmond. “These Homekey projects exemplify our commitment to providing secure, permanent housing with essential wraparound services. Together, we are making a tangible impact on the lives of our most vulnerable community members, offering them hope, dignity, and a pathway to self-sufficiency.”*

This project is a partnership between the John Stewart Company and Hope Cooperative in collaboration with the County of Sacramento and SHRA. “We are very pleased to have been awarded funding by the state to transition Arden Star to permanent supportive housing for unhoused seniors. While already in great shape, our renovation will add specialized amenities to the property in support of our future residents' quality of life. We look forward to being a great neighbor and an active member of the Arden community” said John Stewart Company CEO and Chairman, Jack Gardner. This project will include 30 units dedicated to residents receiving services from Sacramento County Behavioral Health and 15 units for those engaged in services with Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. “We are deeply concerned about the rapid and continued rise in housing instability and homelessness among our senior population. The County Department of Child Family and Adult Services is eager to collaborate with Hope Cooperative in offering housing solutions and comprehensive case management for older adults who have faced abuse or neglect,” adds Michelle Callejas, Sacramento County Child, Family and Adult Services Director.

According to Tim Lutz, Sacramento County Director of Health Services, “These projects represent a great example of the collaboration between County Behavioral Health Services and our extensive network of community-based providers. It establishes a robust pathway towards secure, permanent housing, complemented by steadfast case management and therapeutic assistance, specifically designed to aid our most vulnerable unhoused individuals struggling with acute mental illness.”

These projects will greatly add to the local supply of desperately needed Permanent Supportive Housing and will be instrumental in our collective effort to end homelessness in our community.

Increasing Housing capacity for these vulnerable Sacramentans is an essential component of the Local Homelessness Action Plan. “Homekey is a productive funding tool to aid in addressing homelessness in our region. The program provides an investment mechanism for SHRA and our partners to deliver on our goal of increasing permanent housing opportunities for those who need it most,” said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. “It is rewarding to know that once up and running Arden Star and Rodeway Inn will provide nearly 200 housing units and join the ranks of previously completed Sacramento Homekey projects as tangible examples of meeting our goal.”