More Resources On The Way

With all the recent discouraging news revolving around the lack of affordable housing and rise in homelessness, it’s easy to overlook the plethora of city initiatives that are chipping away at these pervasive issues. Programs such as “A Bridge Home” and HCIDLA’s supportive housing development utilizing Prop HHH funding have all been implemented to help curb the housing and homelessness crisis, and on June 21, 2019, HCIDLA proudly announced that the State of California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded a record amount of $85 million to the City of Los Angeles under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.

The AHSC program aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle-miles traveled by financing integrated affordable housing developments and infrastructure projects near work, retail and other key destinations. Consistent with Mayor Garcetti’s vision of a more sustainable City, it will make it easier and safer for Angelenos to walk, bike, and take advantage of public transportation. Of the total $85 million award, $58 million will provide gap financing for the development of five affordable housing projects consisting of 824 units, with 709 units being set aside for low to extremely low income households. The remaining $27 million will be for transit related projects that will result in 11.7 miles of pedestrian and bike lanes.

This is the fourth consecutive year that HCIDLA, with the technical assistance of Enterprise Community Partners, has been awarded AHSC funding. Including this year’s amount, the City has secured roughly $200 million to support 21 developments consisting of 2,218 new housing units and GHG emission-reducing infrastructure projects. Addressing homelessness and the lack of affordable housing has always been a multi-pronged approach, and the AHSC award is just the latest tool to help tackle the City’s desperate plight.
HCIDLA accepts $85 million from the State of California Strategic Growth Council under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.

Uniting Communities
In a time often defined by divisiveness, HCIDLA and its Human Relations Commission (HRC) has been proactively taking part in various events to help bridge communities and promote understanding amongst Angelenos. On April 17, 2019, the HRC partnered with the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles to host an Interfaith Passover Seder at City Hall. This particular Seder focused on how the journey from oppression to freedom was universal, and the common threads that help bind our diverse population together. Also of note was the 9th Annual Interfaith Iftar held at City Hall on May 20, 2019, where the Mayor and HCIDLA welcomed members of the Consular Corps representing various countries, including Pakistan, Azerbaijan and Sierra Leon. Prominent Muslim members of the community, including two-time academy award winning actor Mahershala Ali, were honored, and the call for developing deeper and more profound relationships with Muslim stakeholders rang loudly during the event. HCIDLA is proud to do its part promoting awareness and education to break down barriers and ensure that Los Angeles thrives as one of the most diverse cities in the world.

Weingart Towers, one of five projects utilizing AHSC funds
Academy Award winner Mahershala Ali

A moment of prayer in City Hall at the 9th Annual Interfaith Iftar

What’s HHHappening
The groundbreaking for Residences on Main in CD 9 was held on April 11, 2019. It will provide supportive housing for 25 chronically homeless Transition Age Youth and 24 homeless families. Developed by LA Family Housing and Coalition for Responsible Community Development, the project includes $10.8 million in HHH funds and a $1.1 million HCIDLA land loan.

April 8, 2019 marked the groundbreaking for the Vermont Corridor Apartments in CD 10. The new Meta Housing-developed construction project consists of 72 units of affordable and supportive housing units for low and homeless seniors. HCIDLA is contributing $8.7 million towards the development, including $7.2 million in HHH funds.
On June 26, 2019, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation hosted the groundbreaking for Gramercy Place in CD 10. Its 62 units will be targeted to senior households, of which 32 will be reserved for homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families. HCIDLA issued $22.8 million in tax exempt bonds, and allocated $9.9 million in HHH funds and $4 million in Low and Moderate Income Housing funds towards this project.

**WHATS NEW**

**PROTECTING RENTERS**
HCIDLA is currently working on an Anti Tenant Harassment Ordinance, which is designed to deter landlords from harassing tenants or engaging in illegal actions that result in the eviction of tenants.

**FREE WORKSHOPS**
The next series of free HCIDLA workshops will focus on the Systematic Code Enforcement Program. Check out our website for a complete schedule!

**LEASEUP!**
PATH’s new LeaseUp program partners landlords and non-profits to increase affordable housing inventory and end homelessness. Landlords are encouraged to sign-up and learn about its great incentives at www.leaseuplosangeles.org.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Walking the walk**
HCIDLA took part in the United Way of Greater Los Angeles Homewalk event and raised over $15,000, which includes a $5000 match provided by the Hilton Foundation.

**Helping DV Victims**
HCIDLA’s Domestic Violence Task Force has already assisted over 1,600 domestic violence victims in finding shelter and support during Fiscal Year 2018-19.

**Driving Safely**
April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month. HCIDLA works with the California Office of Traffic Safety, community organizations and City departments to educate the public on the dangers of distracted driving.
Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor

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