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Alameda County Kicks Off \$53 Million Measure W Investment to Expand Permanent Supportive Housing

County awards Home Together Funds for “ready to go” affordable housing projects to address homelessness

Alameda County, CA— As the federal government cuts aid to homeless families, children and seniors, Alameda County is stepping up to provide long-term housing with supportive services to help residents thrive and contribute to their communities. Alameda County on Tuesday awarded \$53 million from the Measure W Home Together Fund Multifamily Homelessness Solutions Program to nonprofit groups that will lead the development of supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. The funding will increase the County’s supply of housing and is a joint effort of Alameda County Health’s Housing and Homelessness Services (ACH&H) and Alameda County Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Approved by voters in 2020, Measure W is the County’s primary local funding source for addressing homelessness through housing, health services, and system infrastructure. A core strategy of the Home Together Fund is to expand the County’s permanent supportive housing inventory, and this competitive request for proposals was specifically designed to accelerate the development of projects that are ready to move forward and deliver long-term housing stability.

“This investment puts Measure W to work in a very real and expedited way,” said ACH&H Director Jonathan Russell. “By prioritizing shovel-ready developments with on-site supportive services, we are increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing that helps people experiencing homelessness stabilize, improve health outcomes, and remain housed over the long term.”

Projects were selected based on their readiness to move forward quickly and leverage additional state and federal financing, including Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, tax-



exempt bonds, and the State HomeKey+ Program. All funded developments include dedicated supportive services and demonstrate long-term operational sustainability of at least 15 years, ensuring that Measure W investments create lasting impact for the community.

“Access to safe, affordable, and stable housing is a basic necessity, as essential as food, health care, and education,” said HCD Housing Director Michelle Starratt. “Through Measure W, Alameda County voters, paved the way for the County to support our vulnerable neighbors and increase affordable housing. By carefully stewarding public resources, we are making critical steps to solve homelessness.”

Collectively, the awarded projects are expected to deliver over 900 new permanently affordable homes, including up to 346 units for people experiencing homelessness. Projects are located throughout Alameda County in Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Newark, and Livermore in alignment with Measure W Guiding Principles and the Home Together Plan. You can learn more about these projects [here](#).

“Voters were clear that Measure W dollars should produce tangible results,” said Alameda County Board of Supervisors President David Haubert (District 1). “This investment delivers exactly that: new permanent supportive housing that strengthens our communities and provides long-term stability for our most vulnerable residents.”

To date, Alameda County has committed \$146 million in Measure W Home Together Fund investments supporting interim housing, expanded access to services for people with complex medical conditions, and infrastructure that enables increased rental subsidies. Approximately \$40 million of the current funding supports shovel-ready new construction, with an additional \$10 million anticipated in early 2026 for acquisition and rehabilitation projects.

ACH&H and HCD will host a joint press conference today, Wednesday March 4 at 11 a.m., to mark this important milestone.

When: Wednesday March 4, 2026 from 11-11:30 a.m.

Where: Susan S. Muranishi County of Alameda Administration Building – Outside Courtyard, 1221 Oak St. Oakland, CA 94612

Who:

- Michelle Starratt, HCD Housing Director
- Jeannette Rodriguez, ACH&H Deputy Director of Housing
- Supervisor Elisa Márquez, District 2
- Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 5



- Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee
- Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
- Newark Mayor Michael Hannon
- Livermore Mayor John Marchand

County leaders will be available for interviews at the event. Members of the media interested in attending can email ACHealth-PIO@acgov.org or Stefani.Katz@acgov.org.

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About Alameda County Health

Alameda County Health is the local government agency that promotes and protects the health and well-being of all who live, work, learn, and play in Alameda County. Across our Environmental Health, Behavioral Health, and Public Health Departments, and major programs covering emergency response, access to care, and homelessness services, we coordinate and partner with community organizations to support a robust safety net, build resilient communities, and improve health for all. We focus on health equity through programs and systemic change to reduce disparities for the people and communities we serve.

About Alameda County Housing and Community Development

The Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) is dedicated to building healthy communities through the development and preservation of affordable housing, neighborhood stabilization, and fair housing services. HCD administers federal, state, and local funds to support housing development, homeownership assistance, and community development activities throughout Alameda County. Alameda County is an Equal Housing Opportunity and Accessible Housing Provider