



Grants give green touch to south Sac housing project

A south Sacramento affordable housing project will start planning to go green with upgrades, thanks to a pair of grants from banks.

Greenway Village, a 54-unit project built in 1996, is the beneficiary of a \$10,000 grant from U.S. Bank and a \$5,000 grant from Union Bank Foundation to the project's steward, Mutual Housing California.



Those grants will be for planning a renovation project for Greenway Village, said Dell Richards, a spokeswoman for Mutual Housing. Other funds the group will vie for would cover actual construction costs.

Among the improvements likely to be planned are new storm drains, windows, energy-efficient appliances and heating/air conditioning systems.

"Once they've got all the analysis done, they'll do the usual big renovations, which is pretty much everything," Richards said.

The overall goal of such grants is to make housing projects not only energy efficient, but more cost efficient for both those living there and agencies like Mutual Housing that help operate them, she said.

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Greenway Village has units of one, two, three and five bedrooms, and also includes a community room, playground areas and basketball courts.

Intended for those making 50 and 60 percent of the area median income, it often serves formerly homeless women and children, according to Mutual Housing.

Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California develops and operates well-designed rental housing for the diversity of the region's households. The communities have nearly 3,000 residents, nearly half of whom are children.

Through Mutual Housing's focus on leadership, the nonprofit also provides training and mentoring as well as educational programs, community-building activities and services for residents and neighbors.

For more information, visit www.mutualhousing.com.

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