

Mutual Housing gets grants for affordable housing projects

Two separate grants totaling \$339,500 will help Mutual Housing California continue work on a new affordable housing project for farmworkers in Woodland and refurbish older properties in south Sacramento.

The capital grant from NeighborWorks America, for \$233,750, will be partially used for Mutual Housing at Spring Lake, which Mutual officials believe is among the first zero-net energy affordable housing projects in the country. Set to break ground this fall, Spring Lake will have 62 apartments and townhomes in Woodland.

Three south Sacramento complexes: Greenway, Glen Ellen and Los Robles, will benefit from a \$105,750 grant, also from NeighborWorks. Mutual Housing officials expect to receive another \$2.6 million for those projects from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit allocation and tax-exempt bond funding.

Grants also will be used to expand not-for-profit group's efforts toward "green" operations to receive national certification for such practices, and establish a program called "culture of college" for those living in Mutual Housing units.

Some grant money will also go toward buying property for a future project in Stockton, according to a Mutual Housing news release.

Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California develops and operates well-designed rental housing for the diversity of the region's households. The communities have 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.

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