



# COUNTY of VENTURA

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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing Regarding the Completion of El Portal, an Affordable Housing Development Funded with State of California Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus 2021 Funding from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; and Adoption of a Resolution Acknowledging Project Completion.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Conduct a public hearing to solicit public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Relief (CDBG-CV) funding received from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for El Portal; and
2. Adopt the attached resolution acknowledging the completion of El Portal.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no additional fiscal mandate/impacts associated with this item.

## **DISCUSSION:**

On April 21, 2021, HCD released a CDBG-CV Homekey Set-Aside Application Invitation for \$50 million in CDBG-CV set-aside funds. Funds were made available only to projects that applied for and received funds under the 2020 Homekey Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and were intended to provide additional support to Homekey projects for acquisition, rehabilitation, related soft costs, and off-site infrastructure necessary for projects to become habitable and fully operational. Additionally, an administrative allowance of up to 7% of the award was available to cover the County's program administrative costs.

Because the eligible applicant under the CDBG-CV Homekey Set-Aside Application was restricted to cities and counties, Homecomings, Inc. (an affiliate of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura) requested the County's assistance in applying for CDBG-CV funds to support the completion of El Portal, a 29-unit affordable housing project which received 2020 Homekey funds to create 12 units of permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. El Portal involved the acquisition and renovation of

an existing mixed-use building located in the City of Ventura, utilizing \$637,000 in CDBG-CV funds for soft costs related to construction (architectural, engineering and financing costs). Additionally, \$13,000 was awarded for County administrative costs.

Upon completion, this project created 12 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing and 14 units of affordable housing, plus one unrestricted resident manager's unit. El Portal met the CDBG National Objective of benefitting Low and Moderate Income Households under the category of Low to Moderate Income Housing.

HCD requires your Board to hold a public hearing to notify the public of the completed project, share the accomplishments, and solicit public comments prior to closing out the grant. Concurrently, your Board is asked to approve the attached Resolution documenting the completion of El Portal.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

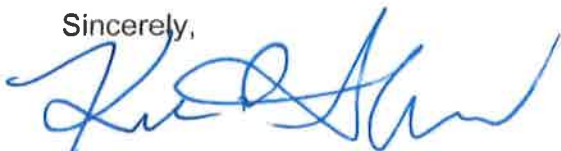
Strategic Priority:

- Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable

The recommendations presented in this item support providing short and long-term housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Tracy McAulay, Housing Solutions Director, at 805-232-1371.

Sincerely,



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Homelessness Solutions Director



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Resolution – Resolution acknowledging completion of El Portal