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**State Awards Funds for Construction of
71 Units of Low-Income Housing in San Gabriel Valley**
Housing projects will start construction this year

San Gabriel Valley officials today announced that the State of California has awarded grant funds for the construction of affordable housing developments in the cities of Claremont and Pomona. The award of \$1 million in state grant funds is being matched by an equal amount of local funds provided by the newly established San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, completing project budgets so the two housing developments can start construction on schedule in 2021.

“Providing housing to vulnerable families and individuals is essential to transforming lives and fostering brighter futures for those who struggle to afford housing,” said Claremont Councilman Jed Leano, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Housing Trust. “We appreciate this award of state funds which proves strong regional collaboration is critical to securing funding support for affordable housing projects across the San Gabriel Valley.”

Projects Funded	Location	Units	Project Cost	Budget Gap
West Mission Family Apts.	508 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona	56	\$25.73 m	\$1.35 m.
Permanent Supportive Housing Project	956 Baseline Rd., Claremont	15	\$5.437 m.	\$500k

The state funds were awarded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development from the Local Housing Trust Fund Program. Grant applications were submitted in August by the Regional Housing Trust, the formation of which was sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

A 1.5-acre vacant lot in Pomona is the future site of the West Mission Apartments, featuring 40 units of affordable housing for families, six units for veterans and 10 units for homeless households. The two- and three-story contemporary buildings are envisioned to include a 5,400-square-foot community service center with a large multi-purpose room and offices and conference rooms. Outdoor amenities will include a tot lot, community garden, fitness area, dog park, and a public plaza. Construction will start in spring 2021.

“The City of Pomona is committed to providing affordable housing to families, veterans and the homeless,” said Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval. “We are pleased to partner with

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Jamboree Housing Corp. and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust in delivering the West Mission Family Apartments.”

“West Mission Apartments will be more than a place to live. By featuring programs and services intended to support personal accomplishment among residents, it will deliver the power of community to bring hope to those starting out or starting over,” said Laura Archuleta, President and CEO of Jamboree Housing Corp., developer of the housing project in Pomona.

In Claremont, a consortium will build a 15-unit housing project serving low-income and homeless senior citizens, with at least eight units reserved for TriCity Mental Health clients. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2021 with an anticipated occupancy date of summer 2022.

The Regional Housing Trust was established last year under state law sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and authored by state Senator Susan Rubio. The Regional Housing Trust is a joint powers authority focused on funding and financing the planning and construction of extremely-low, very-low, and low-income projects, as well as homeless shelters in the San Gabriel Valley.

“Shelter is a basic human right, but far too many families and individuals struggle to find affordable housing and are brought to the verge of homelessness,” said Senator Rubio. “Although the Regional Housing Trust has been in operation only since last year, I am pleased to see its progress in tackling our affordable housing crisis. I am proud to pledge my ongoing support for its efforts.”

The 21 San Gabriel Valley cities that are members of the Regional Housing Trust have identified a pipeline of additional low-income housing projects totaling more than 600 units which need funding. The project pipeline will be updated as additional projects are identified. For more information, see <https://www.sgvrlht.org/>

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