

# **HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS & POLICIES RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND & DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA**

## **Policies**

- Policy H-2f: Continue to cooperate with the incorporated municipalities in Napa County by using the Affordable Housing Fund to assist with the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing units in suitable locations and at suitable densities consistent with the Affordable Housing Ordinance and criteria when funds are available.
- Policy H-3d: Give priority to providing assistance for housing targeted to those groups with demonstrated special needs such as the elderly, disabled (including developmentally disabled), farmworkers (including increased emphasis on housing for farmworker families located near schools, retail, services, and transportation), and homeless, consistent with adopted funding criteria.

## **Objectives and Programs**

### **Rehabilitation:**

- Objective H-1a: Through code enforcement efforts and funding assistance, the County will seek to facilitate the rehabilitation of 19 housing units in fair or dilapidated condition in the County or in the Cities that are occupied by low- (7 units), very low- (8 units), or extremely low-income (4 units) households during the planning period.
- Objective H-1b: The County will seek to make available up to 10 percent of new Affordable Housing Fund money annually to leverage federal, state, and other public and private housing rehabilitation funds.
- Program H-1b: To the extent permitted by law, implement a program to enable non-profit organizations to apply for the use of up to 10 percent of new funds annually to fund projects and programs designed to correct health and safety hazards in owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing that is reserved for low-, very low-, or extremely low-income households. (December 31, 2016)

### **Affordability:**

- Objective H-2a: The County will seek to facilitate the development of lower income units by prioritizing its Affordable Housing Fund monies to assist affordable housing development on Affordable Housing (:AH) Combination District sites and supporting affordable housing on the Napa Pipe site, with the objective of permitting and assisting development of at least 113 affordable units during the planning period (32 moderate, 30 low-, and 51 very low-income units, with a goal of half of the very low-income units serving the extremely low-income level)

- Program H-2a: Prioritize the use of funds for development of Affordable Housing Combination District (AHCD) sites and Napa Pipe, and continue to work with interested parties to encourage their development of the sites under the AHCD provisions. The County will seek to work with a developer to process a development application on at least one AHCD site during the planning period. (Ongoing)
- Program H-2f: Continue to require new affordable housing development projects receiving Affordable Housing Fund monies or any other type of County assistance, as well as those units built as part of the County's inclusionary housing requirement, to apply deed restrictions that will require affordability of assisted low- and very low-income units for a minimum of 40 years. (Ongoing)
- Program H-2h: Continue to implement the County's worker proximity housing program that encourages low- and moderate-income homebuyers, to purchase a home within 15 miles of their place of employment, by providing local downpayment assistance. (Ongoing)
- Program H-2i: Continue to offer financial assistance to property owners who are interested in building second units that would be deed restricted for use by very low- or low-income residents.
- Program H-2k: Continue to allow infrastructure improvements as an eligible cost under the Affordable Housing Ordinance, and work with affected agencies to pursue grant money to improve water and sewer infrastructure on the Angwin, Moskowite Corner, and Spanish Flat sites to facilitate affordable housing development. (Ongoing)
- Program H-2l: Analyze the County's inventory of vacant and/or underutilized County-owned properties and identify those that would be suitable to support affordable housing development. If at least one appropriate site is identified, select one site and issue an RFP to solicit proposals from affordable housing developers to develop the site in partnership with the County. (Issue RFP by December 2017)

## **Special Needs**

- Objective H-3b: Provide Affordable Housing Fund resources for the development and operation of emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities for eight homeless families in a partnership between the County Department of Health and Human Services and a non-profit. (December 31, 2014)
- Objective H-3c: Encourage and facilitate development of six new farm labor dwellings on agriculturally-zoned properties and encourage and facilitate development of one new multifamily housing complex targeted to families within the County.
- Program H-3c: Continue to contribute towards the annual operating costs of local emergency shelters and transitional housing where such funds are available and their use legally permissible. (Ongoing)
- Program H-3d: To the extent permitted by law, continue to require a preference for local workers, including farmworker households, in affordable housing developments assisted with Affordable Housing Fund monies, with a goal of including farmworker households in at least 10 percent of the units assisted with Affordable Housing Fund money. The County will monitor the percentage of farmworker households occupying housing units

assisted with Affordable Housing Fund money in conjunction with income eligibility monitoring for affordable housing units. (Ongoing)

Program H-3e: Facilitate public/private partnerships and, when appropriate and available, use Affordable Housing Fund monies to help prevent the loss of privately owned farmworker housing facilities serving six or more individuals when private owners are no longer able or willing to do so. The County will approach farmworker housing owners at the time it becomes aware of a potential closure of a private farmworker housing facility. The County's Division of Environmental Services monitors the status of private farmworker housing facilities serving six or more individuals on an annual basis and will evaluate the efficacy of the program in helping to preserve existing units, and propose modifications to the program if units are lost. (Ongoing)

Program H-3g: Work to identify a site and funding for a new farmworker family housing development and prioritize use of resources available to support new farmworker housing accordingly. (December 31, 2020)

Program H-3h: Conduct an analysis to identify sites within the unincorporated area where up to 12 units of onsite farmworker housing could be developed, which are near cities and in locations where schools, transit, services, and shopping are relatively easily accessible. The County will provide owners of identified properties with information about opportunities to build farmworker housing on their sites, including potential County assistance. (Conduct study and outreach to owners by January 31, 2016).

Program H-3i: In soliciting developer requests for Affordable Housing Fund monies, encourage developers to propose projects that can address unmet needs for housing with supportive services for the disabled (including the developmentally disabled). (Ongoing)

## **Housing Development**

Program H-4b: Continue to allocate Affordable Housing Fund monies to affordable housing developments in the cities when funds are available and such allocation is consistent with the Affordable Housing Ordinance and criteria. The County will continue to work with the cities to establish and update a list of criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals for use of Affordable Housing Fund monies, with priority for projects that serve extremely low-income households. The County will use a NOFA process to solicit applications on an annual basis. (Annually)

Program H-4c: When requested by Mid-Peninsula Housing, the designated developer for affordable housing at Napa Pipe, Napa County will assist in identifying and securing funding for the 140 low- and very low-income housing units that are contemplated as part of the Napa Pipe Development Agreement. This will include providing information and other assistance in the preparation of applications to third parties for funding assistance. The County also anticipates that the development agreement for the Napa Pipe property will specify that a significant portion of affordable housing impact fees paid by development at Napa Pipe will be dedicated to assisting affordable housing onsite. Finally, consistent with Program H-2a, the County's Affordable Housing Ordinance gives funding priority for all available housing trust fund monies to projects located in the unincorporated area. (Ongoing)