



Significant Developments

In March 2020, the entire world grappled with a world health pandemic, Covid-19. Many businesses had to immediately close to reduce disease transmission, spiraling many at-risk households into housing insecurity as unemployment rates skyrocketed.

The City of Monterey was the first agency in Monterey County to address this immediate need by creating an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The City spent approximately \$960,000 in Community Development Block Grant and other funding to provide emergency rental assistance to low income households. The program was unique in that eligible applicants included persons that lived or worked in the City of Monterey, ensuring our workforce was included in the program. The City received an additional \$1.25 million from Monterey County and the United Way of Monterey County to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance through December 31, 2021.

In addition to Emergency Rental Assistance, the City's Housing Programs Office continued to provide funding for a variety of housing and community development programs, while also soliciting development proposals to bring 150 new affordable housing units into downtown Monterey.

Spending Highlights

- **Assisted over 300 households** with over \$1,300,000 in emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness.
- **Provided approximately \$137,000 in grants** to non-profit service providers that support housing, homeless, and nutritional services.
- **Provided approximately \$200,000** in home repair grants and loans to low-income senior homeowners.
- **Provided \$75,000** to the J. Kernes Memorial Pool for ADA Access Improvements
- **Purchased and rehabilitated 2 affordable housing units** for future resale.
- **Assisted several first time home buyers** with purchasing affordable housing through the City's Purchase and Resale Program.
- **Partnered with neighboring cities and the County of Monterey** on regional housing and homelessness programs.
- **Solicited development proposals** to redevelop City owned properties into 150 new affordable housing units and selected two developers to begin development negotiations.



In fiscal year 2020-2021, the Housing Programs Office has an approximately \$2 million budget through a combination of funding sources, including Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Program Income (lease agreements, loan repayments, etc.), Successor Housing Agency Funds, the HOME Program, and Emergency Rental Assistance funding from Monterey County and the United Way.

About the Housing Programs Office

HOUSING – The Housing Programs Office manages the City of Monterey's existing supply of over 500 affordable, deed-restricted single family homes and apartments, ensuring they continue to be affordable for renters and first-time home buyers for generations to come. We also assist eligible homeowners with accessibility improvements and home repairs through the Home Repair Grants and Loan program.

PUBLIC SERVICES – Each year, the Housing Programs Office provides approximately \$130,000 in grant to local non-profits that provide services to our community, including homelessness services, support for seniors, and nutrition assistance.

PUBLIC FACILITIES – Through community development block grants, the Housing Programs Office supports local public facility repairs and improvements, including to parks and buildings used by non-profits service providers.

PLANNING AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS – The Housing Programs Office continues to plan for our City's housing and community development needs, while working with our partners in the development community to find new opportunities for affordable housing. Additionally, we collaborate with neighboring cities and regional organizations to address complex issues, such as homelessness and the need for affordable housing in Monterey County.