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**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AWARDED \$4 MILLION
FROM STATE TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
*Awards will fund three housing developments and
first time homeownership opportunities for more than 120 families*

Sacramento, California. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency has been awarded nearly \$4 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for housing development and homeownership assistance, which is approximately ten percent of the total HCD award across the state of \$39.2 million. The award will help address affordable housing needs for low and moderate income families in Sacramento. The award is funded by Proposition 46, the housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

The Agency received a \$2 million award (\$1 million each for the City and County) through the CalHome Program and almost \$2 million under the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN) for three affordable housing developments both program are used to make down payment assistance loans to low- and moderate-income first time homebuyers .

More than \$1 million of the award will fund the Agency's Power Inn Road Project which is an infill homeownership self-help project at Power Inn Road and 53rd Avenue. The development creates 35 three-to five-bedroom homes that are affordable to households with incomes between 50 and 80 percent of the area median income. The Agency is partnering with Mercy Housing California who will develop the housing.

Capitol Lofts on R Street between 11th and 12th Streets received a \$600,000 award. The funding will be used to make units affordable to households with incomes between 80 and 110 percent of the area median income. The Agency has provided \$5 million for this adaptive reuse project. The mixed income development creates 109 ownership condominium units, with 45 units affordable. The project is being done in conjunction with the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA). The project developer is a partnership of Regis Homes and Holliday Development.

The award will also fund \$330,000 for down payment assistance for the Agency-assisted Surreal Estates project at Calvados Avenue and Oakmont Streets in North Sacramento. The 11-unit artist live/work housing community provides ownership opportunities to first time homebuyers with incomes between 50 and 80 percent of the area median income. The houses will be built under a self-help program and Mercy Housing will develop the housing. Only six of the units remain to be sold.

The Agency received a CalHome Program award of \$2 million for the County and City affordable homeownership programs to provide down payment assistance for first time homebuyers. The funds should enable up to 58 families to purchase their first home.

SHRA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 13 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees. The Agency approximately 3,200 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.