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Agency Seeks Grant to Help Restore Historic Locke Boarding House

Sacramento, Calif., (May 31, 2007) -The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has applied for a grant from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) to support continuing efforts to preserve the Boarding House in the historic town of Locke.

The \$300,000 grant requires an equal amount of matching funds to create a rehabilitation budget of \$600,000. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are a possible source for the matching funds if the grant is awarded. The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) owns the Boarding House. The Agency and the State Parks Department are also working closely with the Locke Management Association to receive input and provide historical guidance.



The Locke Boarding House is under rehabilitation to create a museum that preserves the historical contributions of immigrants in the Delta region.

The project will be completed in two phases. Phase one is currently underway to stabilize and weatherize the building with \$950,000 in grant funds awarded to the Agency (\$450,000 from the National Park Service's 2004 Save America's Treasures Grant and \$500,000 from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation 2002 Resources Bond Act).

The CCHE grant would be used for Phase Two to make improvements such as fire protection, interior doors, wood floor and ceiling, handicapped accessibility, pedestrian bridge, restrooms, display cases, and any appropriate mechanical, electrical and plumbing repair or upgrades.

In the early 1900's various immigrant groups lived at the Boarding House while working to develop the Delta. Once the rehabilitation is complete, the Boarding House will serve as a museum that will highlight the historical impact of the Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, and more recently Chicano contributions in Locke and the rest of the Delta region. For more information, contact Christine Weichert, Assistant Community Development Director at (916) 440-1322.

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