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**Governor announces State Project Homekey award for Central Sacramento Studios permanent supportive housing project**

**Sacramento, CA** | Governor Gavin Newsom announced today that the City of Sacramento Housing Authority has been awarded approximately \$24 million in California Project Homekey funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Central Sacramento Studios in downtown Sacramento. The project includes 92 units of permanent supportive housing and is one of two awards the Governor announced, including a 78-unit housing project in Los Angeles.



“California is moving with unprecedented speed to house people experiencing homelessness through Homekey,” said Governor Newsom. “Behind every grant award we make for Homekey is the story of a Californian who will no longer have to sleep in a tent, in a car or on the street – these 170 units represent a fresh start for our most vulnerable residents.”

“SHRA is excited to be receiving this critical Project Homekey award from the State,” said Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. “This funding for the Central Sacramento Studios project moves us another step forward in fulfilling our commitment to pursue every possible opportunity to provide stable housing and hope for residents living on our streets.”

SHRA is assisting the project with \$7.4 million which includes \$5.3 million in HOME funding. The project was also approved for \$2.2 million in Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) funding to provide services from the County of Sacramento. Danco Communities has been selected to work with the city and SHRA to complete the project.

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SHRA ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) 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 has a FY 2022 budget of \$347 million and 313 employees. The Agency owns and/or manages approximately 3,200 units of affordable housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 13,200 rent assistance vouchers per month.

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Formerly Best Western Sutter House at 1100 H Street, Central Sacramento Studios will create 92 studio units of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. A restaurant on the property will be converted into a community room/lounge, plus space for a management office, and resident and support services which will be provided by LifeSTEPS. Amenities include onsite vehicle and bicycle parking, outdoor recreational space, fitness center, laundry facility, pool, and dog park.

“Adding more permanent supportive housing is a crucial part of our city’s comprehensive plan to address homelessness, and the Central Sacramento Studios will contribute directly to getting people off the streets of downtown and connected with the services they need,” said Mayor Darrell Steinberg.

“This is a major step in addressing homelessness in the central city” said Councilmember Katie Valenzuela, “This is an area that has been heavily impacted, and permanent supportive housing is exactly what we need to start getting folks the help they need. I’m very grateful to SHRA for helping us facilitate this exciting project, and look forward to these units becoming available later this year.”

The rehab work is expected to be completed in fall 2022.

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