# HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP)

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# INTRODUCTION

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# HHAP ROUNDS 1–4

| | 2019–20 | 2020–21 | 2021–22 | 2022–23 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Funding** | $650M | $300M | $1B | $1B |
| **State Dept.** | HCFC | HCFC | HCFC | HCFC → Cal ICH |
| **Eligible Applicants** | CoCs, 58 Counties, 13 Largest Cities | CoCs, 58 Counties, 13 Largest Cities | CoCs, 58 Counties, 13 Largest Cities | CoCs, 58 Counties, 13 Largest Cities |
| **Primary Policy Focus** | Build system capacity; immediate crisis response | Maintain early coordination; pandemic-era stabilization | Begin shift to system outcomes | Deeper system planning; outcome alignment |
| **Planning Requirements** | Local coordination plans, basic performance metrics | Gap analysis; alignment of all local funds | Local Homelessness Action Plans | Planning tied to local data and targets |
| **Accountability** | Light reporting | Still formulaic, minimal conditions | Performance-based bonus (Never released) | Builds on Round 3 |

# HHAP ROUNDS 5–7

| | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2026–27 Trailer Bill SB 131 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Funding** | $1B | $1B | $500M |
| **State Dept.** | Cal ICH / HCD | HCD | HCD |
| **Eligible Applicants** | Regional applications required (CoC + Counties + Cities) | Regional applications required (CoC + Counties + Cities) | Regional applications required (CoC + Counties + Cities) |
| **Primary Policy Focus** | Major structural shift: Regionalization | Accountability + Housing Policy Integration | Reduced funding + heightened accountability |
| **Planning Requirements** | Regional Homelessness Action Plan + formal regional MOU | Regional plan updates; mandatory stakeholder engagement (incl. lived experience, tribes, developers) | Expected to build on Round 5/6 regional structure |
| **Accountability** | Restrictions on new interim housing; strict obligation & expenditure deadlines; system-sustainability requirements | Encampment response plans; report on housing element compliance, Prohousing status, APRs, and violations; emphasis on sustaining existing interim | Housing element compliance; encampment policy alignment; measurable results; potential reallocation to higher-performing regions |

# HHAP-7 REQUIREMENTS

**01** 50% of HHAP-6 must be obligated

**02** Compliant Housing Element

**03** Local encampment policy consistent with Cal ICH guidance

**04** Have a Prohousing Designation

**05** Leverage local resources to scale state investments

**06** Demonstrate progress on key housing performance metrics

**07** Demonstrate urgency and measurable results in housing and homelessness prevention

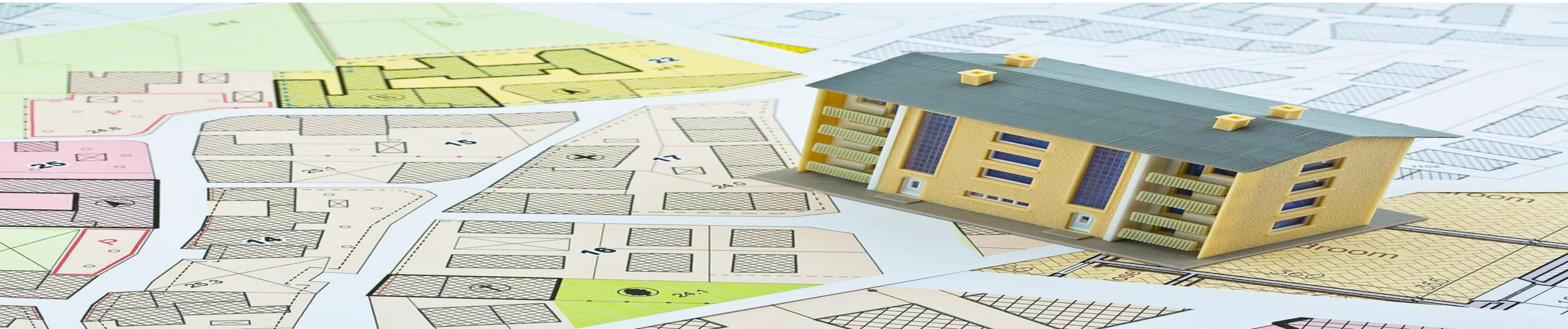
# PROHOUSING DESIGNATION

## PURPOSE

“The Prohousing Designation Program (PDP) seeks to acknowledge and support jurisdictions that go above-and-beyond state housing law to help accelerate housing production. A jurisdiction with a Prohousing Designation may receive priority processing or funding points when applying for several funding programs...

## CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 25. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 1. CHAPTER 6. SUBCHAPTER 6.6 SECTIONS 6600 THROUGH 6608, CONSECUTIVE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM



# REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

**01** Adopted compliant Housing Element

**02** Legally sufficient Annual Progress Report

**03** Completed any rezone program or zoning that is necessary to remain in compliance with Government Code sections 65583, subdivision (c)(1) and 65584.09, subdivision (a), and with California Coastal Commission certification

**04** Compliance with applicable state housing laws

**05** Consistency with 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments. (June 17, 2022 update)

**06** A Formal Resolution must have been duly adopted and certified by the applicant’s governing body and must remain valid for the life of the designation.

# DESIGNATION CRITERIA

**01** Having zoning or incentives designed to increase affordable housing

**02** Inclusionary housing program

**03** Priority permit processing for housing affordable to lower-income households

**04** Ordinances that reduce barriers beyond the law for development of low-income housing.

**05** Establishing a housing fund with proceeds from approved ballot measures.

**06** Preserving assisted housing units at risk of conversion to market rate housing with new affordability restrictions.

**07** Prioritizing local general funds to accelerate the production of low-income housing.

**08** Providing operating subsidies for permanent supportive housing.

**06** Providing subsidies for housing affordable to extremely low-income households.

# ENCAMPMENT POLICIES

Both HHAP and Prohousing Designations require alignment with best practices when addressing homeless encampments. However, they rely on two separate sources.

## HHAP

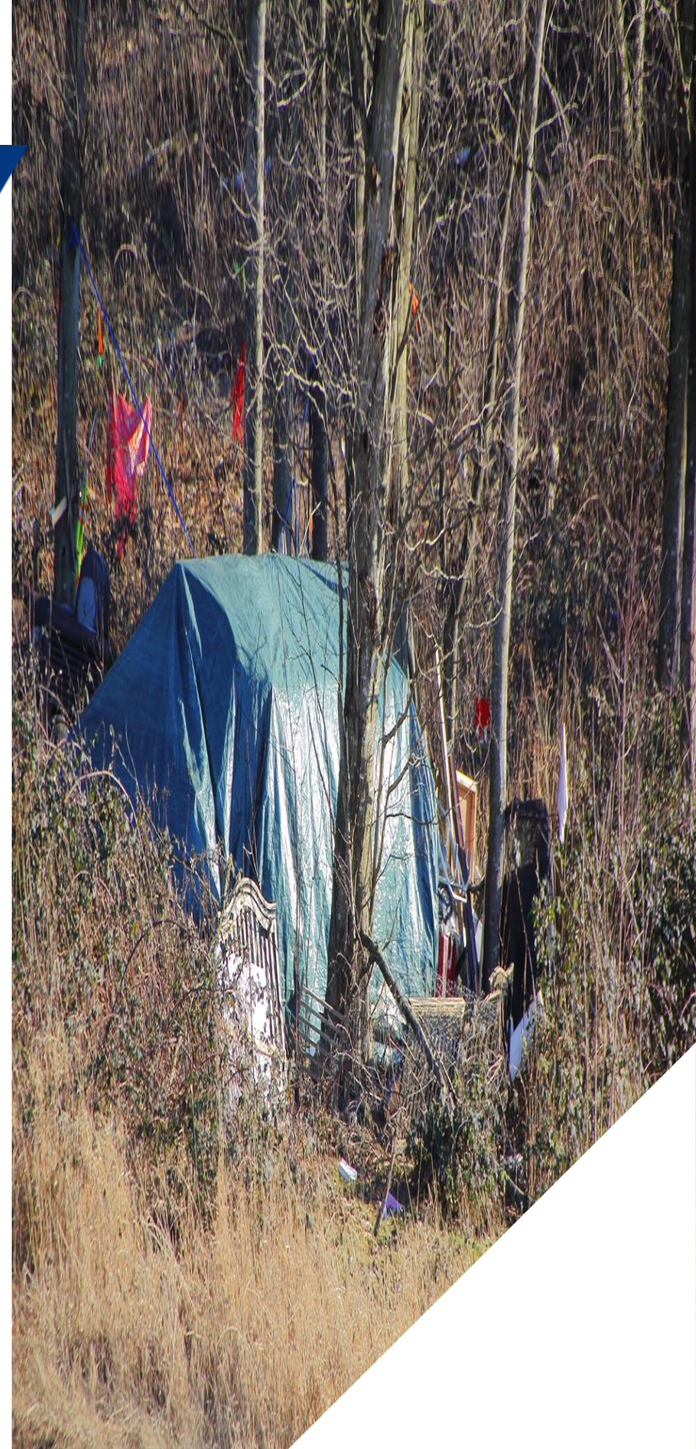
### Cal ICH Guidance on Encampments

•Offer interim housing (shelters, transitional/bridge housing) to people being displaced from clean-ups
•Clear policy for handling and storage of unattended personal belongings
•48 hour minimum notice

## PROHOUSING

### 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments

•Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response to Encampments
• Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions
•Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach
• Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage
• Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options
• Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports
• Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure



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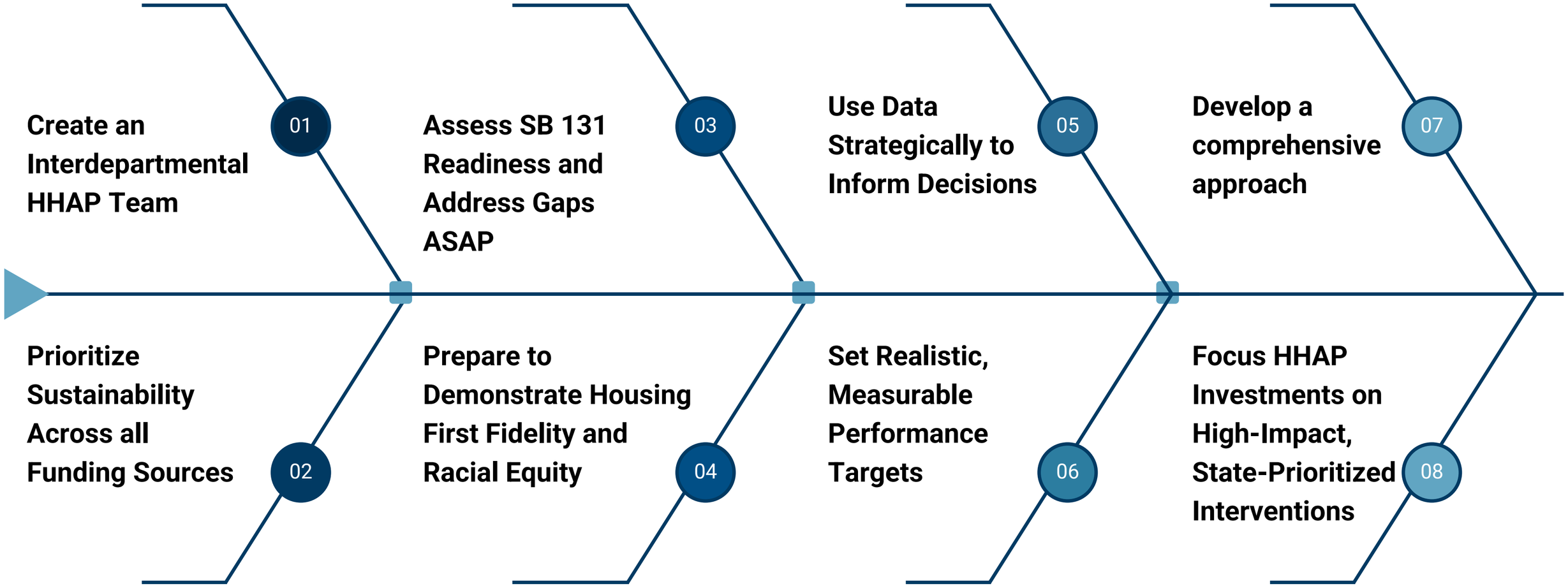

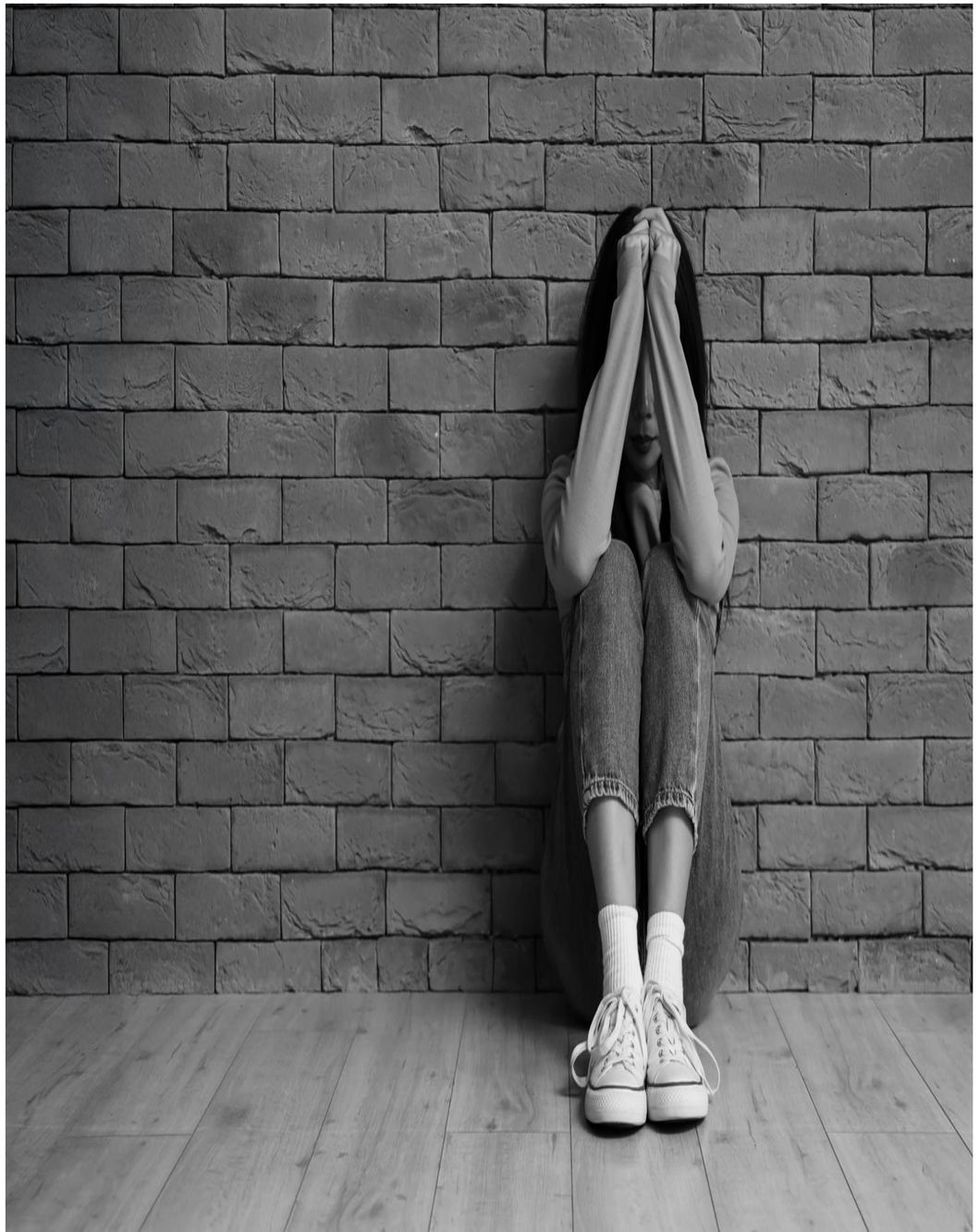

# FINAL THOUGHTS

## HHAP-7 is not going to be easy.

But Counties are uniquely positioned and more resourced than any other local entity to deal with something of this magnitude.

## Homelessness is a housing issue.

The State's approach to address homelessness is geared towards developing more affordable housing for low and extremely low-income households.

## Keep your eyes on the prize.

After it is all said and done, our communities will be better positioned to house residents of all socio-economic backgrounds. It not only benefits them, it benefits everyone.