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## San Bernardino secures \$20 million for affordable housing community Arrowhead Grove



A rendering of the next phase of San Bernardino's Arrowhead Grove project shows the affording housing complex from Crestview Avenue. (Rendering courtesy of the city of San Bernardino)

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San Bernardino received \$20 million from the state's Strategic Growth Council on Thursday, June 28, for the development of affordable housing and market-rate units at Arrowhead Grove, a complex replacing [the troubled Waterman Gardens](#).

Awarded through the California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, the money will help fund two upcoming phases of the redevelopment project that call for 147 affordable housing units and 36 market-rate units, along with pedestrian and transit improvements.

Arrowhead Grove was the only Inland project to receive AHSC funding.

"This decision is paramount in the continued effort toward rehabilitating the Waterman corridor in San Bernardino," Mayor Carey Davis said in a statement. "This is a testament to the power of community collaboration. With the support of our partners, we will continue to pursue safe and stable communities for our residents and families to thrive."

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When completed, the Arrowhead Grove project will have redeveloped 75-year-old Waterman Gardens and a nearby site with about 400 new units and assorted community facilities.

In 2016, Rancho Cucamonga-based National Community Renaissance, or National CORE, the San Bernardino County Housing Authority and city leaders [celebrated the opening of Valencia Vista](#), a 76-unit affordable housing complex at Valencia Avenue and Ninth Street.

Less than a year later, [Olive Meadow](#), a 62-unit complex on Olive Street, was unveiled.

“None of this would be possible without the collective commitment of the city, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino and every stakeholder, funder and agency that have dedicated themselves to turning this dream into reality,” Steve PonTell, National CORE president and CEO, said in a statement.

“We are grateful for the (Strategic Growth Council) and the (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program) support and we are eager to move forward with the next stage of this transformative effort to rebuild San Bernardino block by block,” he said.

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Officials hope to break ground on the next phase later this year or in early 2019.

These two developments are expected to cost \$75 million.

Maria Razo, executive director of the San Bernardino County Housing Authority, commended the collaboration between all parties.

“We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to effectively invest and leverage our dollars to achieve the vision of affordable housing and active transportation options that improve the health and well-being of the residents who live in the area,” she said.

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