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Orlanda Inn Demolition Will Make Way for Housing with a Purpose

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has announced that the County of Glenn and the City of Orland, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter has been awarded a Homekey Round 2 award in the amount of \$8,756,945.

A team from Glenn County, The City of Orland, State Housing and Community Development (HCD), Thurmond Consulting, and Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter (HFHYS) has dedicated thousands of hours to obtain State of California Homekey funds. This funding brings the ability to completely replace the current 13 room, dilapidated motel site with 33 new rooms of permanent, affordable housing for people in Glenn County who desperately need it.

The City of Orland has been searching for a solution to the issues presented at and surrounding the Orlanda Inn for years. The city is very pleased to see the structure removed, the surrounding area cleaned and replaced with housing for the most vulnerable population providing purpose and empowerment to the overall community.

Prior to official announcement of HomeKey award recipients the Habitat team was confident and moved forward with the purchase the Orlanda Inn with close of escrow set to be final by April 1st, 2022. HFHYS is committed to the City of Orland and Glenn County to help bring solutions and a partnership that lifts the community by creating low-income housing with high impact results. The burden this site carries weighed heavy on local leadership and law enforcement but without funding to create any true measurable outcomes, there was little that could be done.

The initial intent was to use the HomeKey Funding to purchase and renovate the existing building. However, after inspection it was clear that the building was not safe for any level of remodel and would need to be taken to its foundation. This presented an opportunity to better utilize the space and nearly triple the rooms available to house our at-risk population, while also providing communal spaces and an onsite Management room. Demolition is currently scheduled April 11th, 2022, with the construction completed November 2022.

“Our goal with projects like these is to create much needed affordable housing options for the most vulnerable members of our community, and to blend those projects into the fabric of the community,” said Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter CEO Joseph Hale.

Habitat has seen how challenging it is for local leaders to fund and address homelessness and affordable housing in their communities. Glenn County and the City of Orland have been incredible to work with and their commitment to truly serving their constituents is an honor to be a part of.

Councilmember Bruce Roundy stated, “The City has worked with the County Continuum of Care for multiple years on identifying the need to make improvements at the Orlanda. This is wonderful– to have the funding for such a project, with government commitment and coming together to make something great happen.”

City Manager Pete Carr continues, “Habitat for Humanity has a proven track record in providing respectable housing and operating apartments in a safe, secure, and compassionate way – providing real help where needed in a way that benefits the residents and the community. I am confident that Glenn County social services provided on site will be key to the success of this housing project. The City and the County will remain engaged with Habitat for Humanity for the long run – we are committed to the success of this project, which includes a well-managed place where many of the more vulnerable people in our community can find safe, affordable housing in a clean, decent, secure, positive environment.”

Mayor Dennis Hoffman also exclaimed, "I'm thrilled to see the partnership between the City, County and Habitat come together to completely transform this old motel site into something that is needed and will really be positive in our community."

Glenn County Board Chairman Thomas J. Arnold stated, “To see the collaboration and speed that the City, County and Habitat worked to apply for this funding and the resulting success of that effort is thrilling. This is a big win and will result in a nicer community in which to live.”

Elevations for the new housing structure featuring 33 room, including onsite management and communal spaces pictured below.

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