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City of Oakland Awarded \$20M in California State Homekey Funding
Projects to provide 163 units of permanently affordable housing for homeless and those vulnerable to homelessness

Oakland — Yesterday, the City of Oakland was awarded \$20 million for two housing projects targeting some of the City’s most vulnerable residents. Governor Newsom announced the Homekey awards as the next phase in the state’s response to protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are impacted by COVID-19.

“This announcement from Gov. Newsom will help us alleviate the human suffering of homelessness in Oakland,” said Mayor Libby Schaaf. “Homekey gives us the resources to convert existing facilities into permanently affordable housing for our unsheltered residents right now, and it paves the way for more innovative strategies in the future. I’m grateful for the Governor’s leadership and partnership as we continue to work together to end homelessness.”

The projects awarded include funds to purchase *Clifton Hall*, a California College of the Arts dormitory in Rockridge that offers 63 units for seniors and families; and *Project Reclamation* managed by Bay Area Community Services (BACS) for the development of 100 units at 20 scattered sites throughout Oakland for families and individuals.

“These funding awards mark another important milestone in our goal to preserve, produce, and protect housing for Oakland residents,” said Housing & Community Development Director Shola Olatoye. “We are proud to work with our partnering agencies to develop these units and move people off the streets and into housing.”

Homekey, administered by California Housing & Community Development, is the state’s \$600 million program for purchasing and rehabilitating housing, including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings and other properties, converting them into permanent, long-

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term housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

More information on the City's [Clifton Hall Dormitory](#) project.

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