

PHA Profile: Fresno Housing Authority Renaissance Supportive Housing

Properties



Location: Fresno, California Housing Choice Vouchers: 12,665 Public Housing Apartments: 1,760



Description of the Housing Developments

Fresno Housing Authority developed three properties specifically created to provide permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless adults as they work to achieve stability. The Fresno Housing Authority also manages the properties. In addition, many amenities and services are provided onsite and the surrounding neighborhoods, including full kitchens, recreational areas and laundry facilities, as well as access to grocery stores, public transportation, and social services. Services coordinators from Fresno Housing and the County Department of Behavioral Health are also available on-site, and residents have the ability to participate in the design and implementation of ongoing on-site services.

Program Details		
Renaissance at Trinity Units	21	20 one-bedroom units
(Aug. 2010)		1 two-bedroom unit
Renaissance at Alta Monte Units	30	27 studio/SRO units
(Oct. 2012)		2 one-bedroom units
		1 manager's unit
Renaissance at Santa Clara Units	69	68 studio/SRO units
(Nov. 2012)		1 manager's unit
Total Number of Units dedicated to homeless	120	
or special-needs populations		
Homeless or special-needs populations served	Chronically homeless, mentally ill and disabled	
Developer	Fresno Housing Authority	
Owner (managing member)	Fresno Housing Authority	
Property Manager	Fresno Housing Authority	
Service Provider(s)	Poverello House	

Funding Sources

For the three developments, the Fresno Housing Authority Board of Commissioners created a \$4.5 million fund for capital investment and for the provision of appropriate services. A portion of the units were also developed through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). In addition, the apartments utilize project-based vouchers.

Capital Source	Yes/No
Low Income Housing Tax Credits	Yes
Federal (HOME, CDBG, SHP, other)	Yes
State Sources	Yes
Local Sources	Yes

Operating Source	Yes/No
Project-based Section 8	Yes
CoC Operating	Yes
State Sources	Yes
Local Sources	Yes

Service Source	Yes/No
Project-based Section 8 cash flow	Yes
Medicaid	No
State Sources	No
Local Sources	Yes

Partners

The Renaissance projects were developed in partnership with the Penstar Group, Johnston Contracting, and Scott Beck Architecture. Funding partners include, PNC Real Estate, the State of California Multifamily Housing Program (MHP), the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, and the Poverello House. Fresno Housing provides services in partnership with the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health and the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care.

Words of Wisdom from Housing Authority

"The Renaissance properties are designed on the "housing first" model, offering basic housing to the chronically homeless who have serious mental health issues. Supportive housing provides an environment where people can stabilize their lives and their physical and mental health, and move toward self-sufficiency. The quality of life in our community is also greatly improved when the people are in housing rather than living in encampments, on sidewalks or in the bushes. We all feel safer, our community looks better and the conditions are better for business owners as well."

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