2016-17 Accomplishments At-a-Glance

HCD recognizes the tremendous need for affordable housing in California and considers these accomplishments a positive step in the right direction.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Awarded 238 grants and loans totaling more than $460 million projected to:
  - Create 2,769 new housing units.
  - Rehabilitate 913 substandard housing units.
  - Preserve 2,705 housing units, subject to affordable rent or homeownership requirements.
  - Maintain or rehabilitate 1,894 migrant farmworker rental housing units, which are operated during harvest season.
- Awarded the Housing Related Parks Program funds totaling $36 million for 2016-2017 and $190 million over the life of the program, incentivizing the permitting of 60,000 affordable homes.
- Published draft guidelines for the No Place Like Home program.
- Kicked off the No Place Like Home advisory council, increasing the coordination of California’s work to address homelessness.

ASSET MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- Provided $6.8 million in loan extensions to troubled developments to preserve much-needed affordable homes and apartments.
- Conducted or participated in more than 300 rental housing monitoring visits for previously HCD-awarded housing developments, an increase of more than 48 percent.
- Developed financial workout arrangements for seven affordable rental housing developments, totaling 235 units, to ensure they remained affordable.
- Provided oversight for approximately 1,000 affordable developments.

MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MOBILEHOMES

- Conducted 21,837 inspections and complaint investigations of mobilehome parks, mobilehomes, and manufactured homes in California.
- Processed 321,279 applications for mobilehomes/manufactured homes to complete title searches, renew registrations, and process name/address updates.
- Cut registration and titling program application wait time in half.
- Launched “Register Your Mobilehome”: A fee and tax waiver program. In the first six months, helped 220 homeowners receive title and waived more than $100,000 in past due fees.
BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS

- Adopted emergency regulations to address construction and inspection of exterior elevated elements, such as balconies.
- Completed 2016 code adoption process to amend standards for construction of new homes and apartments, as well as hotels, and motels in California.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- In response to new legislation passed to increase housing options by making it easier for homeowners to create accessory dwelling units, created technical guidance to help local governments and homeowners understand the new laws.
  - Launched webpage of resources.
  - Responded to more than 600 requests from a variety of customers, including local governments, homeowners, architects, and contractors.
- Reviewed (and found compliant) housing plans (“housing elements”) for 478 of 539 local jurisdictions require to submit housing elements.

POLICY AND RESEARCH

- Released the Draft Statewide Housing Assessment 2025 (accompanied by a three-month, intensive public-outreach process) which served as the framework for 2017 successfully passed legislative housing package.
- Served as the lead in the land use and community development sector of Safeguarding California, California’s climate adaptation strategy; and participated in the SB 350 Barriers to Energy Efficiency taskforce.
- In partnership with the Tax Credit Allocation Committee, initiated an academic working group to explore indicators of neighborhood opportunity and recommend policy changes to increase access to opportunity.

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