Rancho Sierra Affordable, Permanent Supportive Housing Development

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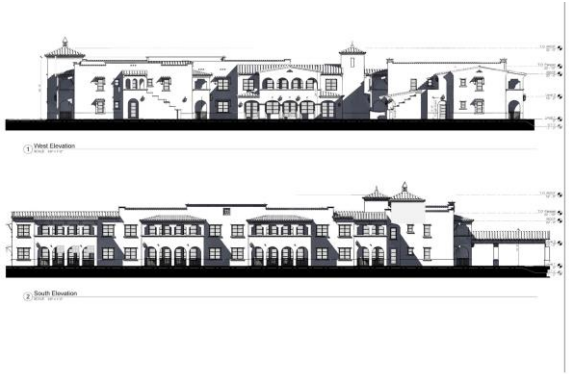
The Rancho Sierra Affordable, Permanent Supportive Housing Development is located on approximately two acres of a larger, 54-acre parcel owned by Ventura County. The project is a two-story, 50-unit development for the underserved, low-income senior population within the county. It includes 49 one-bedroom affordable units and one two-bedroom manager's unit, all with private outdoor patios or balconies. Twenty spaces of on-site surface parking are included for residents and employees; because the project is a permanent supportive senior housing project within 1/4 mile of a regularly operating bus route, no minimum parking is required. Visitor spaces are located along Lewis Rd. to buffer the residential uses from the public road and to provide sufficient screening from nearby agricultural uses. An approximately 4,000 square foot indoor community space is included in the main residential building, offering various programs, services, and events for residents. It includes a community kitchen, resident manager's office, two additional office spaces, and various lounge areas. Other on-site amenities include laundry facilities, a spacious courtyard, trash rooms, and a mail hub. This project was distinctly designed to meet California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC), No Place Like Home, and Senate Bill (SB) 744 requirements to help fund the project and accelerate its schedule. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer with completion of construction and leasing proposed to begin fall of 2023. Overall, this project is a great case study on how to effectively utilize streamlining laws and obtain grant funding to bring a project to life.





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