

A HOME FOR EVERYONE

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Housing

INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

El-Ada Community Action Partnership is developing up to 70 units of affordable rental housing in various sizes over seven years. In addition, attractive, energy efficient, low-maintenance units will be provided to a desirable downtown Boise neighborhood through use of shipping container housing. “Sanders Crossing,” the first phase of the multi-county initiative, begins in Ada County within the city of Boise, “Celebration Acres,” a three-acre parcel in Boise, and “Hidden Oasis,” a similar parcel in Owyhee County within the City of Homedale, will serve as phase two. This project will ultimately serve the Agency’s three-county service area by providing attractive, quality housing that low-income households can afford.

LOCAL NEED ADDRESSED BY INITIATIVE

Housing has appeared in the top five community needs in every county El-Ada serves for over a decade, as cited by customers, stakeholders, and national data and research. Idaho persistently lacks housing that meets the needs of the low-income households that Community Action serves.

ROLE OF CSBG FUNDS

CSBG funds were used for initial planning, early implementation, and strategic planning support.

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT

Chronic housing instability undermines any program that helps low-income working people make progress toward economic independence. Providing high-quality, affordable housing will help lessen this barrier and empower low-income Idahoans.



At this juncture, we anticipate 3 to 4 years before completion of “Celebration Acres.” With the full support of the Homedale City Council and the community, “Hidden Oasis” is projected to be ready to rent in Owyhee County in 5 to 6 years. Throughout the duration of our initiative, El-Ada leadership will also work with The City of Mountain Home (in Elmore County) and our local Elmore County partners to identify opportunities to serve that area as well.

EVIDENCE-BASED OUTCOMES

This project is still in progress. The intended impacts of the project include:

1. Affordability, in terms of rental housing a working family can afford,
2. Accessibility, because there is less than a 1% vacancy and long waiting lists for subsidized units, and credit checks and other barriers impede access to market housing, and
3. Quality, because low-income families are living in substandard mobile homes and aging, unmaintained rental units and there is always a sheer lack of units in our service area.

CUSTOMER VOICE

This project included community voice in planning and development through its government, nonprofit, and private sector partners, as well as El-Ada Community Action Partnership's local relationships.

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