



California Health Facilities Financing Authority

Healthcare Expansion Loan Program II (HELP II)

Featured Projects

Sierra View Homes
1155 E. Springfield Avenue
Reedley, CA 93654

Sierra View Homes (Sierra View) is a non-profit senior retirement community in Fresno County that acts as a home and skilled nursing service provider to approximately 250 individuals over the age of 65 annually. Sierra View was established in 1960 as a small retirement care community and has now grown to operate as a skilled nursing facility with 59 beds, an independent retirement facility with 115 apartments, and a 51-room residential care facility situated on a 13-acre campus. Sierra View's mission is to provide seniors an outstanding full-service retirement community that celebrates and enhances the life of each resident.



Project: In March of 2019, Sierra View borrowed \$750,000 from CHFFA to construct an extension on an existing dining room to address a growing need for more dining space. The larger dining area, extended from 3,000 square feet to 4,600 square feet, provides a more comfortable area for the residents of the facility and increases the maximum occupancy of the room. The additional space is used to host meals for independent living apartment residents and is located in the center of the campus, ensuring convenience for all residents, regardless of level of care.

Vito Genna, Associate Executive Director, Sierra View Homes – *“The finished product brings friends together to have a cup of coffee, converse, shoot the breeze, or discuss the latest political happenings. Thanks to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for providing a HELP II Loan with a very low interest rate; it took quite a bit to come up with this building and we’re very thankful for their participation throughout the process.”*



Petaluma Health Center
1179 North McDowell Boulevard
Petaluma, California 94954

Petaluma Health Center (PHC) was founded in 1999 as a 501(c) (3) public benefit corporation in response to the unmet healthcare needs of the residents of Sonoma County. PHC is a federally qualified health center that provides primary medical care and mental health services to the residents of Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Penngrove and the surrounding areas. PHC has five sites, including the main clinic and administrative offices in Petaluma, a homeless clinic, two school-based health centers, and the Rohnert Park Health Center.



Project: Facing an increasing need for primary care services and with the current facility not sufficient to adequately meet growing demand, on August 4, 2016, PHC borrowed \$1.31 million (\$1.3 million for construction and \$10,000 for equipment) from CHFFA to finance the build

out and equipping of an unfinished, but shelled in, 6,500 square-foot section of its 53,000 square-foot medical facility in Petaluma. The new patient care space allowed the community clinic to increase capacity and expand access to primary care, urgent care, and mental health services for an estimated 6,000 additional medically underserved residents annually.

Kathie Powell, CEO, Petaluma and Rohnert Park Health Centers – *“We are very much indebted to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the funds we received through the HELP II Loan Program. The loan facilitated the beautiful build out of a large Patient Centered Medical Home Team in our federally qualified health center. With more than ten exam rooms, a provider support staff and team office area, a large shared-visit room, break room, and case management team room, we are a Medical Home for 6,000 additional patients. None of this would have been possible without support from CHFFA’s HELP II Loan Program.”*

Interim, Inc. Bridge House
601 Bayonet Circle
Marina, California 93933

Interim, Inc. (Interim) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1975 in order to provide services and affordable housing supporting members of the community with mental illness in building productive and satisfying lives. Interim works in partnership with Monterey County Department of Mental Health Bureau to provide a continuum of residential treatment, affordable housing, employment and educational



services, dual recovery services for individuals with mental illness and substance abuse disorders, and consumer-operated mental health, wellness, and recovery services for adults with psychiatric disabilities residing in Monterey County. In FY 2015, Interim served 51 clients in the Monterey County area.

Project: On September 22, 2016, Interim borrowed \$1 million from CHFFA to demolish an existing building and construct two facilities, which help serve more clients involved in Interim’s “Bridge House” program. The program provides residential treatment for clients with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. The new building allows Interim to extend behavioral health/substance abuse disorder services for low-income recipients throughout Monterey County. Approximately 43 dually diagnosed individuals were served in 2019 in the residential program. The new building also allowed Interim, Inc. to expand the day program, which supports graduates of Bridge House Residential Treatment, to ensure that they make a successful transition to independent living. The day treatment program was able to serve 64 people in FY 2018-2019.

Sophie Yakir, Grants & Contracts Manager, Interim, Inc. – *“The funds from the HELP II loan allowed Interim to expand the Bridge House Transitional Residential Treatment program as well as the day program (Wellness & Recovery Academy). Bridge House serves adults with co-occurring serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders based on a therapeutic milieu and sober-living community model with emphasis on a home-like environment.”*

**Contra Costa ARC University Training Program
2051 Harrison Street, Suite A
Concord, California 94520**

Contra Costa ARC (CCARC) is a licensed nonprofit organization that provides direct services and advocacy to assist individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. CCARC's mission is to enhance and enrich



the lives of children with special needs and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and similar conditions. The four primary types of programs that are provided by CCARC include family support and children's services, employment services, Community Access Services, and transportation services. CCARC has multiple sites located in Castro Valley, Antioch, Concord, Richmond, and Martinez.

Project: On December 7, 2017, Contra Costa ARC borrowed \$1.2 million from CHFFA to finance the purchase of a commercial property to provide office

space for administration and for the expansion of the ARC University Training Program. CCARC provides training to its staff as well as staff from approximately 13 other agencies that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The expanded Program allowed CCARC to double the number of staff trained to approximately 1,100 people.

Carol McCrary, Director of Operations, Contra Costa ARC – *“The HELP II loan was instrumental in allowing us to expand our home-based services to adults with intensive medical concerns. We are now able to serve 20 additional people that formerly resided at Sonoma Developmental Center in lovely remodeled homes in Contra Costa County. This is a win-win for everyone! We appreciated CHFFA staff walking us through the process and making it as smooth as possible.”*