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Dear Ms. Ise and Housing Advisory Commission,
I recently learned about substantial state grants available for rural affordable housing projects in California in the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) weekly newsletter.
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This week the California Department of Housing and Community Development announced more than **\$40 million in awards** to RCRC counties for the permanent financing of affordable multifamily rental and transitional new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion housing developments for lower-income households. This funding is part of the latest round of Multifamily Housing Program awards, totaling over \$205 million in Round 3. A complete list of awardees can be found [here](#).

The Multifamily Housing Program is funded by the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, which was adopted by voters on November 6, 2018, (Proposition 1) and authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4 billion under the State General Obligation Bond Law.

Santa Cruz County is not a member of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), so perhaps our County is one of the recipients of the \$40 million grant monies, and just not listed here in the RCRC newsletter list of counties who will get money for affordable housing projects:

[https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/mhp/docs/mhp_rd_3_final_point_score_and_awardee_list_\(kt%20final\).pdf](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/mhp/docs/mhp_rd_3_final_point_score_and_awardee_list_(kt%20final).pdf)

If not, it may behoove Santa Cruz County to join the RCRC to obtain support in grant applications for such beneficial projects. The rural areas of Davenport, the San Lorenzo Valley communities, Corralitos, La Selva Beach would all benefit with financial assistance to build modest affordable housing developments with four to eight units, that would still preserve the rural character of the neighborhoods and not impose undue burden on existing infrastructure.

I hope the Commission will consider this information.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner