

# SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENTS IN VENTURA COUNTY

## HOUSE FARM WORKERS! REQUESTS – STATUS

January 19, 2022

City/County	Farmworker Housing Study	Support for Housing Trust Fund Ventura County and creation of a countywide dedicated source of funding for affordable housing	HE Document Status and Date
Camarillo	Program 5. Nonprofit Housing Organizations: “The City will work with the advocacy groups, agricultural organizations, and the County of Ventura to plan and implement a countywide survey of farmworkers, agricultural employers, and housing providers to further define housing conditions, needs, and barriers and how they can be addressed.”	No specific support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Final HE of August 26, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission public hearing August 31, 2021</li> <li>• City Council public hearing September 29, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 11, 2021</li> </ul>
Fillmore			No drafts released
Moorpark	Program 20 – Farmworker Housing: “Work with the County-led coalition to plan, fund, and implement a countywide survey of farmworkers, employers, and housing providers to define housing conditions, needs, and barriers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the survey results to develop targeted programs and strategies to address the verified needs of farmworkers and to support agricultural businesses with a stable and healthy workforce.”</li> </ul>	In Program 20 - Farmworker Housing: “Support and participate in the Housing Trust Fund and the creation of a dedicated source of funding for affordable housing that will meet the needs of farmworkers.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPAC Meeting #9- Housing, September 2, 2021</li> <li>• GPAC Meeting #10- Housing Policy, December 9, 2021</li> <li>• Draft HE released December 27, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission public hearing January 12, 2022</li> <li>• City Council Public hearing January 19, 2022</li> </ul>

Ojai	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council approved Final Draft HE October 12, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 13, 2021</li> </ul>
Oxnard	Program 41. Special Needs Housing-Farmworker Housing Study: "The City will (1) work with the County of Ventura, advocacy groups, and agricultural organizations to plan, seeking funding through grants or other sources for the implementation of a countywide survey of farmworkers, employers, and housing providers to further define housing conditions, needs and barriers to farmworker housing and (2) utilize the survey results to develop targeted programs and strategies to address the identified housing needs of farmworkers and to support agricultural businesses with a stable and healthy workforce."	Program 42. Collaboration with Housing Trust Fund: "The City support the efforts of the HTFVC, will continue its partnership with the TF to support the provision of short term, predevelopment, acquisition, and construction funding to developers of affordable housing."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Final HE released August 13, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing September 2, &amp; 16, 2021</li> <li>• City Council Public Hearing October 5, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 12, 2021</li> </ul>
Port Hueneme	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council Public Hearing-approval of 2045 General Plan Update, which includes Final HE, October 4, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 15, 2021</li> </ul>
Santa Paula	Program 16. Zoning for Transitional and Supportive Housing, Emergency Shelters and Farmworker Housing: "...In addition	Program 11. Affordable Housing Funding Sources: "To effectively implement Housing Element programs that create affordable housing depends on a variety of county,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft HE released August 16, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission</li> </ul>

	<p>to these regulations, the city will (1) work cooperatively with the County of Ventura, advocacy groups, and agricultural organizations to plan, fund, and implement a countywide survey of farmworkers, employers, and housing providers to further define housing conditions, needs and barriers: (2) participate in the development of targeted programs and strategies to address farmworker housing needs.”</p>	<p>state, federal, and local funding sources. The various funding programs available to Santa Paula are outlined in Chapter IV, Resources and Opportunities. The City will assist affordable housing developers in seeking grant funds by providing background data necessary to complete applications, review and comment on draft applications, providing letters of support, City Council resolutions or other actions in support of applications, and assistance in monitoring compliance with grant requirements to the extent feasible. Other affordable housing funding options the City will explore include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Affordable housing trust funds and community land trusts in collaboration with other Ventura County jurisdictions and housing organizations</b></li> <li>• A local rental assistance program funded through inclusionary in-lieu fees or housing trust funds</li> <li>• Affordable housing linkage fees on large-scale commercial or industrial developments that significantly increase the need for affordable housing</li> </ul> <p>2021-2029 Objectives: Actively pursue state, federal and private funding sources as a means of leveraging local funds and maximizing assistance. The City will support housing grant applications both through regulatory relief offered through the Density Bonus Ordinance and through City Council endorsement/support of funding applications. Explore the feasibility of creating an affordable housing trust fund or</p>	<p>Public hearing August 24, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council Public Hearing September 15, 2021</li> <li>• Draft HE Submitted to HCD September 16 , 2021</li> <li>• HCD Comment letter 11/15/2021</li> </ul>
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		community land trust to facilitate production of affordable housing.”	
Simi Valley	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing Final HE September 27, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 28, 2021</li> </ul>
Thousand Oaks	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	Not included HFW! comments not acknowledged in HE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing Draft HE September 29, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD October 6, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing on draft Final HE, January 10, 2022</li> </ul>
Ventura City (San Buenaventura)	Program 19. <b>Support Ventura County’s efforts to update their Farmworker Housing Study including considering providing funding</b>	<b>Trust is mentioned but not with HFW! recommended wording:</b> Program 13. Other Housing Funding options: “With the elimination of redevelopment, the City recognizes the importance of pursuing various sources of funding for housing, as well as participation in the Ventura County Housing Trust Fund (VCHTF). VCHTF is designed to assist in the development of affordable housing by leveraging public and private funding. VCHTF aims to become a critical, sustainable and ongoing source of local funding to support the production of new housing for working low and moderate income families and individuals across Ventura County, with a proposed focus on multi-family and special needs housing for households earning 80 percent or below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Draft HE July 26, 2021</li> <li>• City Council meeting August 2, 2021</li> <li>• Submitted to HCD August 23, 2021</li> <li>• HCD Comment letter 10/11/2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing, Final Draft HE, January 12, 2022</li> </ul>

		<p>the Area Median Income in Ventura County. The funds are proposed to be utilized to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create new affordable rental housing</li> <li>• Create home ownership assistance programs</li> <li>• Create permanent housing for homeless</li> <li>• Predevelopment assistance for developers.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers a range of housing funds for affordable housing. The City may also explore other funding mechanisms for affordable housing, such as a business tax for housing and a parcel tax. Eight-Year Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As funding permits, continue the City's funding commitments to the VCHTC. 26</b></li> <li>• Annually explore available funding sources at the State and Federal levels. Pursue funding to implement the City's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness and housing programs set forth in this Housing Element.</li> <li>• <b>Continue to explore other funding mechanisms for affordable housing."</b></li> </ul>	
Ventura County	<p>Program E. Farmworker Housing Study: "The County, working with advocacy groups, agricultural organizations and Ventura County cities, will: (1) take on a coordinating role to seek funding for, and to implement, a countywide survey of farmworkers, employers, and housing providers to further define housing conditions, needs</p>	<p>Program O. Funding for the Housing Trust Fund: "The County shall continue to support the efforts of the Housing Trust Fund Ventura County, a local nonprofit organization that provides short term, acquisition and pre-development funding to developers of affordable housing. In addition, the County will coordinate with local agencies and community stakeholders on the creation of a countywide dedicated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Review Draft Final HE of August 27, 2021</li> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing September 2, 2021</li> <li>• Board of Supervisors approved at Public</li> </ul>

	and barriers to farmworker housing; and, (2) utilize the survey results to develop targeted programs and strategies to address the identified housing needs of farmworkers and to support agricultural businesses with a stable and healthy workforce. In implementing this program, the County shall strive to affirmatively further fair housing by providing housing opportunities (farmworker units or complexes) under the County's RHNA obligation and for both County and cities to provide services for the farmworker population throughout the County."	source of funding for housing. In June 2020, the County Board of Supervisors approved \$300,000 in General Funds to be contributed to the Housing Trust Fund of Ventura County, \$100,000 per year over three years (FYs 2020-2023). Additionally, approximately \$1 million in PLHA funding to the VC Housing Trust Fund has been approved and is anticipated to be distributed over three years (FY2021-2024). In implementing this program, the Housing Trust Fund of Ventura County has the opportunity to match this funding dollar for dollar under HCD's Local Housing Trust Fund program. These funds may be used countywide."	Hearing October 12, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted to HCD October 14, 2021</li> </ul>
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\*A typical comment within HCD Comment letters:" **Public Participation:** Local governments shall make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the element shall describe this effort. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd.(c)(8).) While the element includes a general summary of the public participation process (p. C-1), it must also demonstrate diligent efforts were made to involve all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element. The element should be revised to discuss outreach to lower-income and special needs groups during the public participation efforts, solicitation efforts for survey responses, and participation in community workshops, and if translation services were provided. The element should also describe when the draft was made available to the public for review, the efforts to circulate the housing element among low- and moderate-income households and organizations that represent them and to involve such groups and persons in the element throughout the process. **Finally, the element should also summarize the public comments and describe how they were considered and incorporated into the element.** For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/gettingstarted/public-participation.shtml>"