



JCC LTRG Housing Recovery Progress Update - May 2023

Housing Recovery Director Update

As the Housing Recovery Director, I have been passionately working to unite landowners, developers, and community partners in meaningful conversations about housing development and reconstruction. Recently, I had the privilege of facilitating successful connections between land developers and local faith-based congregations, as well as exploring available land and funding opportunities for creating affordable housing. It is crucial to maintain the momentum of housing development and ensure everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home. The JCC LTRG and I are committed to making progress and fostering collaboration, empowering our partners to actively contribute to this important cause. Together, we can create positive change in our community.

I recently had the privilege of joining a heartwarming bus tour organized by Firebrand Resiliency Collective. We visited manufactured home parks affected by the Alameda Fire, witnessing the incredible progress and resilience of these communities. The tour showcased the determination of residents in Mountain View Estates, Talent Mobile Estates, and Pacific Village as they rebuild their homes and lives. It was a powerful reminder of the strength of the human spirit and the unity that can emerge from adversity.

Get ready for some exciting updates on housing reconstruction!

Best Regards,
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Talent Senior Apartments In a heartwarming event, Age+, a local nonprofit organization, celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for an affordable housing complex in Talent. The complex will provide 22 units of affordable housing specifically designed for older adults with an income limit of 60% or lower. What makes this project even more special is that all units will have lifelong certification, ensuring a safe and comfortable home for seniors. With the aim of opening its doors by September, Age+ President Stephanie Hooper highlighted the importance of recognizing and uplifting the issues faced by older adults, especially during challenging times like the COVID-19 pandemic. The housing application process will prioritize fire survivors, extending a helping hand to those in need. This remarkable initiative is made possible through the generous support of Oregon Housing and Community Services. Together, we can create homes that nurture and uplift our beloved older adults, fostering a community where everyone feels valued and cared for.

https://ageplus.org/talent-housing-inquiry-form/?doing_wp_cron=1679084384.0791618824005126953125

NewSpirit Village Exciting news is on the horizon for the New Spirit Village project in southwest Medford! This groundbreaking initiative aims to create affordable homes using innovative 3D-printing technology. These remarkable homes, designed to be energy-efficient, fire-resistant, and resilient to extreme weather and earthquakes, will provide a safe haven for those in need. Progress is currently being made, and site development work is underway, bringing dreams of a new home closer to reality. With the support of substantial grants, including a generous Oregon LIFT grant, the homes are set to be more affordable than traditional market-rate houses. This project holds tremendous potential for fire and disaster survivors, offering them a fresh start and renewed hope. Stay updated on this remarkable journey at newspiritvillage.org, where transformation and inspiration await.

- New Spirit Flyers in [Spanish](#) and [English](#)

Royal Oaks Project Delay

As ACCESS has shared with project applicants, the development of the Royal Oaks project has been delayed. Unfortunately, the homes that were manufactured for the project are not an acceptable, safe option in their current state. The project partners, which also include Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and the Housing Authority of Jackson County, made this difficult decision to ensure that new owners and residents have quality, safe homes. The project team is working to rehouse fire survivors as soon as possible and knows this is painful, difficult news. OHCS, which is the primary funder of the project, is committed to ensuring the project moves forward with a new schedule. As soon as more updates are available, ACCESS will share that information with applicants. (Please note that the portion of the project that is the responsibility of HAJC is being performed by Adroit Construction and includes the development of utility infrastructure, roads, home foundations, and a community building for use by residents. This work is on schedule and according to plan.)

What does this mean for applicants?

ACCESS and OHCS are working to ensure survivors have support through the project delay. ACCESS staff can help applicants find new interim housing. Rental assistance will continue to be available until the project is ready. Even if a fire survivor isn't already getting help with rent, ACCESS may be able to provide support if the delay in the project creates a burden. Contact ACCESS' Center for Community Resilience at (541) 414-0318 or ccr@accesshelps.org. Contact ACCESS to learn more about additional housing options. ACCESS is accepting applications for the Talent Mobile Estates project through June 30. The ReOregon Homeowner Assistance and Replacement Program (HARP) also will open for applications later this summer and can fund home replacement (for low- and moderate-income owners that lost homes in the 2020 fires). The project partners will continue sharing more information about Royal Oaks' progress as it moves forward.

Talent Mobile Estates The Talent Mobile Estates project is making great strides toward completion, with an estimated finish date in early 2024. However, some phases of homes may be ready for occupancy as early as fall 2023. This exciting development will bring a total of 87 housing units to the area, with 10 units already occupied by existing households, leaving 77 new housing units for deserving individuals and families. While initially planned as modular homes, the project

has shifted its focus to HUD-manufactured homes, with 75 out of the 77 homes falling under this category. There will be two pilot project modular mass timber homes as well. Eligibility for these homes will be divided into two tiers: Phase I will prioritize former TME residents with income flexibility up to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI), while Phase II will cater to wildfire recovery participants with income up to 80% of the AMI. The funding for this development will be provided by OHCS. It's important to note that the allocation of homes will follow a Department of Building (DOB) process, and any remaining relevant benefits will need to be surrendered to receive the home, if applicable. These updates represent significant progress and offer exciting opportunities for individuals and families in need of housing. For additional information, visit

www.casaoforegon.org

Let's continue working together to turn the affordable and accessible housing vision into a reality!