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LINC Housing Starts Construction for New Affordable Housing in Beaumont for Veterans in Need.

New Complex for Homeless, Disabled, and Low-Income Veteran families.

BEAUMONT, Calif., (DATE) – LINC Housing and the Riverside County have joined together in breaking ground on the construction of their new affordable housing, Illinois Avenue Apartments, for veterans in need across the county.

This new property will feature 51 units, varying from one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless veterans with a disability, chronically homeless veterans and low-income veteran families.

“Illinois Avenue Apartments in Beaumont will also be providing services to veterans with our partnership with Veterans First and LINC Cares services, plus the building itself will be following LEED guidelines and will have sustainable features,” said Rebecca Clark, LINC Housing’s President and CEO. “According to the U.S. Census of Veteran Statistics, California veterans have an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent, compared to the national average of 5.3 percent, and there are about 12,096 homeless veterans living in California. It’s important we provide assistance to the veterans in the Riverside County.”

This project has received support from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the County of Riverside Department of Veterans Services, and the County of Riverside Continuum of Care. These new apartments will help in battling the great need for housing for homeless veterans in the county.

Illinois Avenue Apartments has been registered with the U.S. Green Building Council and intends to follow LEED guidelines as LINC continues to strive for an affordable and inexpensive living for veterans. The building will feature a number of sustainable amenities from water resistant floors in the kitchen and bath to light colored sidewalks, driveways to reduce the local heat island effect to low flow shower heads and water faucets. The project incorporates building materials that are recycled, locally produced, and contain low VOC’s and formaldehydes.

The apartments itself will also feature amenities for the residents that are both nearby and onsite. Residents will have access to a computer lab, community areas for multi-purpose use, convenient access to public transportation, shopping, and services plus a wide range of social and supportive services.

The project was funded by the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program, the County of Riverside Neighborhood Stabilization, Conventional Loan: Citi Community Capital, Raymond James Tax Credit Funds and additional predevelopment support provided by the California Endowment and JPMorgan Chase Foundation.

The building was designed by D33 Design and Planning and constructed by Walton Construction Services.

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About LINC Housing Corporation

LINC Housing, one of California's most productive nonprofit developers of affordable housing, has helped create more than 7,500 homes in 73 communities throughout the state. The organization's properties are known for excellent design, outstanding management and life-enhancing services for its residents. LINC has more than 30 years of service to families, seniors, and local governments helping to create sustainable communities via new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, and historic preservation.

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