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Home Matters® to Arizona Announces \$1.2 Million in Affordable Housing Grants for Projects in Tucson, Flagstaff and Phoenix

Arizona Health Care Leaders Addressing Social Determinants of Health

PHOENIX (November 11, 2020) – [Home Matters to Arizona](#), which is planning a \$100 million fund over two years to finance affordable housing projects in Arizona, announces its first award recipients that will receive a total of \$1.2 million.

“Home Matters to Arizona is honored to fund these projects across Arizona, which will serve people experiencing homelessness, individuals living with mental illness, domestic violence survivors and low-income families and be located near resources that improve social determinants of health throughout Arizona,” said Lorry Bottrill, Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Care and Home Matters Arizona Governance Fund chair.

Home Matters® Arizona Fund is prioritizing and funding promising projects throughout the state that are positioned to demonstrate measurable and positive outcomes focused on specific populations, geographic areas and the community at-large. The fund addresses Arizona’s rising affordability crisis while paying much-needed attention to the role of housing justice for underrepresented families and communities. Home Matters® Arizona Fund will invest in projects that serve individuals and families with low to moderate income, veterans, seniors, people who are homeless, people with disabilities, individuals involved with the justice system and those eligible for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) support. Founding Home Matters Arizona Fund include Arizona Complete Health, Banner – University Health Plan, Care1st Health Plan Arizona, Health Choice Arizona, Magellan Complete Care of Arizona, Mercy Care, The NARBHA Institute and UnitedHealthcare.

Home Matters to Arizona is born from a collaboration of the Arizona Association of Health Plans, whose member companies contract with the State’s Medicaid program to serve the health care needs of Arizona’s most vulnerable citizens. The fund seeks projects that align with the values established by the [Home Matters®](#) national movement, which is redefining what home and the American Dream mean.



The award recipients: La Frontera Partners, Inc. for the 100-unit Center of Hope Apartments in Pima County; Northern Arizona Housing Solutions for the 13-unit Sharon Manor Renovation & Expansion Project in Coconino County; and Trellis for the 43-unit Trellis @ Mission in Maricopa County.

La Frontera Partners, Inc. (Center of Hope Apartments)

4554 South Palo Verde Road, Tucson

Total Development Cost: \$12.6 million

Grant Amount: \$500,000

Units: 100

Construction began in September 2020

The Center of Hope Apartments Project is to be located within the Center of Opportunity campus being developed by the HS Lopez Family Foundation, which includes three phases:

- Phase I: a 150-bed shelter by Gospel Rescue Mission
- Phase II: a medical clinic, multi-agency use office building for supportive services, a job training center, and a small park
- Phase III: Center of Hope Apartments - a Permanent Supportive Housing Project to be developed by La Frontera Partners, Inc.

Center of Hope Apartments will provide apartments for priority populations including people experiencing homelessness and persons living with a serious mental illness. There will be on-site supportive services provided by La Frontera Center, Inc. and other community partners.

Northern Arizona Housing Solutions (Sharon Manor Renovation & Expansion Project)

2303 N. Izabel St., Flagstaff

Total Development Cost: \$1.5 million

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Units: 13

Construction began in October 2020

The Sharon Manor Renovation & Expansion Project consists of an addition of a second story, with four 2-bedroom apartments and one 1-bedroom apartment to the existing single-story communal living facility. The project also involves renovation of the existing bottom floor to convert spaces into independent studio apartments with exterior entrances, private bathrooms and kitchenettes.

Sharon Manor is an existing transitional housing complex that has served the complex and changing needs of domestic violence survivors since 1999. It focuses on trauma-informed care, survivor-centered philosophy where survivors are empowered to engage with services on site, provide feedback and direct their program.



Trellis (Trellis @ Mission)

619 W. Mission Lane, Phoenix

Total Development Cost: \$10.7 million

Grant Amount: \$400,000

Units: 43

Construction expected to begin in December 2020

Trellis @ Mission is a new construction affordable housing community that will serve low-income family households in Phoenix's Sunnyslope neighborhood. Through an equity/rental credit arrangement, tenants will accumulate value over time toward an eventual opportunity to purchase their unit, with longer term tenants accruing even more value. This incentivizes residents to stay in place, which has the additional benefit of stabilizing the community as those tenants invest in their property, home, community, and neighborhood over time. Trellis @ Mission has the potential to catalyze wealth creation in these households with the effect of changing generations to come as well as resolving tremendous housing injustices.

About Home Matters to Arizona

Home Matters to Arizona is the first statewide initiative of Home Matters®, a national movement uniting America around home. The first phase of Home Matters to Arizona involves creating the new \$100 million Home Matters Arizona Fund, leveraging government, philanthropy and national private investment. Initial grants are from health plans, the private half of the public-private partnership model that comprises the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Future phases will focus on collaboratively building awareness and influencing standard practices for developing more affordable homes and better communities across Arizona. Learn more at HomeMattersArizona.com.