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CITY OF UKIAH AWARDED FUNDING TO ACCELERATE HOUSING PRODUCTION

Ukiah, CA October 16, 2019 – The City of Ukiah has been awarded \$160,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) SB 2 Planning Grants Program. The award will be used by the City for efforts to accelerate housing production in Ukiah.

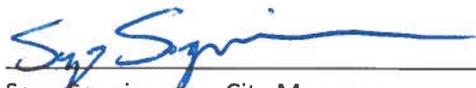
Activities funded by the grant include revisions to the City’s zoning code to streamline housing production, allowing housing “by-right” and developing objective design and development standards for new housing construction projects; production of a report of zoning recommendations to further incentivize the production of housing; development of process improvements to streamline the entitlement approval process; and completion of building plans for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), to be offered at no cost to the public.

“The City of Ukiah is grateful to HCD for the award of funding through the SB 2 Planning Grants Program,” notes Ukiah Mayor Maureen “Mo” Mulheren. “The City continues to explore innovative ways to assist in the creation of housing for our community, and this award will assist in accelerating housing production. This is a key award at an important time.”

All of the activities funded by the SB 2 Planning Grants Program are part of the City’s Housing Plan in its updated (2019-2027) Housing Element. The activities are set to be undertaken immediately upon the City Council’s adoption of the Housing Element, which is scheduled for October 23, 2019, and implemented by June 2020.

“During the community engagement process in the updating of the City’s Housing Element, several community members noted a need to reduce barriers to housing construction in Ukiah,” mentions Community Development Director Craig Schlatter. “We listened, and the award of the SB 2 Planning Grants Program funds will assist the City in moving forward with efforts to remove barriers to both affordable and market-rate housing in Ukiah.”

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