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Housing is Healthcare Fund, a Partnership Among Arizona Medicaid Health Plans, Announces \$2.5 Million in Grants for Affordable Housing Projects Across the State

PHOENIX (January 21, 2026) – The Housing is Healthcare Fund, established through a collaborative effort among Arizona Medicaid Health Plans, is announcing seven new grant awards to increase the availability of housing across Arizona. Projects in Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Prescott Valley and Tucson will receive a total of \$2.5 million. This collective investment demonstrates the shared commitment of all participating Medicaid Health Plans to address housing needs across Arizona. Since 2020, the Medicaid Health Plans have provided \$14.8 million through 36 grants, including today's announcement.

The Housing is Healthcare Fund addresses Arizona's rising affordability crisis, recognizing that stable housing is a key health-related social need and essential to improving quality of life for all Arizonans. Housing built by these grants will serve residents across the state including Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)-eligible individuals and families.

"Early in my healthcare career I saw how safe, stable housing could make the difference for an individual's mental and physical health," said Fund governance committee chair Tad Gary, Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Care. "As health plans, we quickly learned that just paying for housing wouldn't be enough; it was essential for all of us to work together to expand the availability of affordable housing for our members and communities. I'm proud of the contribution the Housing is Healthcare Fund has made through collaboration among health plans and focused impact."

This fund was created when the managed care organizations who contract with the State's Medicaid program to serve the health care needs of Arizona's most vulnerable citizens came together to invest in housing. Fund participants include Arizona Complete Health-Complete Care Plan, Banner – University Family Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield Arizona Health Choice, Molina Healthcare of Arizona, Mercy Care, The NARBHA Institute and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Arizona. All participating plans are equally committed to advancing affordable housing solutions through this partnership.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national community development financial institution with a local office based in Phoenix, serves as a trusted partner, supporting all health plans in the development and ongoing administration of the Fund, including project review and grant awards.

2025 award recipients:

Agape House of Prescott, Inc.

Project: Prescott Valley Completion Project

Address: 3275 N. Greg Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Grant: \$100,000
Total Development Cost: \$523,464
Estimated Construction Start: Under Construction
Estimated Completion: January 2026

Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing

Project: 41st and Thomas
Property Address: 2700 N. 41st Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009
Grant: \$500,000
Total Development Cost: \$40,549,668
Estimated Construction Start: July 2026
Estimated Completion: September 2027

Copa Health Inc.

Project: The Beverly
Property Address: 120 N. Beverly, Mesa, AZ 85201
Grant: \$500,000
Total Development Cost: \$15,321,240
Estimated Construction Start: March 2026
Estimated Construction Completion: April 2027

El Pueblo Housing Development

Project: Sugar Hill on Stone
Property Address: 1910 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705
Grant: \$500,000
Total Development Cost: \$26,386,071
Estimated Construction Start: Under Construction
Estimated Completion: November 2026

GHK Properties, LLC

Project: Desert Dove Apartments
Property Address: 6175 S. Midvale Park, Tucson, AZ 85746
Grant: \$300,000
Total Development Cost: \$25,769,092
Estimated Construction Start: Under construction
Estimated Completion: January 2026

John 1334 Ministries

Project: Eden Village of Arizona
Property Address: 113 N. Alma School Rd., Mesa, AZ 85201
Grant: \$400,000
Total Development Cost: \$5,232,049
Estimated Construction Start: January 2026
Estimated Completion: November 2026

Veterans Community Project

Project: Glendale Tiny Homes for Veterans

Property Address: 7570 N. 63rd Ave. Glendale AZ 85301

Grant: \$300,000

Total Development Cost: \$6,449,075

Estimated Construction Start: March 2026

Estimated Construction Completion: December 2026

About the Housing is Healthcare Fund by the Arizona Medicaid Health Plans

The Housing is Healthcare Fund by the Arizona Medicaid Health Plans fosters collaboration among health plans and invests in affordable housing projects that connect communities and support healthier individuals, families, and economies across Arizona, including housing for Medicaid-eligible individuals. The Fund was developed in 2020 by a consortium of health plans, becoming the first statewide initiative aligned to the vision and values of the national Home Matters movement. This fund was previously known as the Home Matters Arizona Fund.

About LISC Phoenix

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is one of the country's largest community development organizations, helping forge vibrant, resilient communities across America. LISC is committed to building communities of opportunity for all, grounded in the core belief that fostering a sense of belonging is vital to achieving shared prosperity. We design and implement every aspect of our work to uphold the dignity and well-being of all U.S. residents—regardless of background or zip code—while actively removing barriers to economic mobility. Since its founding in 1979, LISC has invested \$32 billion to create more than 506,000 affordable homes and apartments, develop 82.5 million square feet of retail, community, and educational space, and help tens of thousands of people find employment and improve their finances. LISC Phoenix was formed in 1992 and since its inception has collaborated with place-based organizations and corporate, foundation and public partners to create an innovative approach to working with neighborhoods that face challenges. For more, visit www.lisc.org/phoenix.

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