

## Affordable housing project in Healdsburg ready for its christening

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Healdsburg's newest affordable housing project is getting a proper christening today with a grand opening celebration that will feature a congressman and other officials.

Foss Creek Court Family Apartments, touted as high quality, green, affordable homes, is ready for occupancy.

The 64 housing units, configured as both apartments and townhouses, are intended for farmworkers, low-income families and special-needs residents.

The \$21.3 million development on West Grant Street, along Foss Creek, is on a three-acre parcel within walking distance of downtown Healdsburg.

"Not only will Foss Creek Court provide affordable housing for our community, it's also been built according to green building standards," Congressman Mike Thompson, D-St.Helena, said in a statement. "This type of affordable housing project not only provides a decent place for people to live, it provides important economic activity and generates good, green jobs."

Foss Creek Court offers a number of environmentally friendly features, including photovoltaic panels, solar hot water panels, energy star appliances, use of native and drought-tolerant landscaping, and other water and energy-saving features.

A community building, computer learning center, community garden, and two tot lots are part of the complex.

The development is the result of a collaboration between non-profit Eden Housing, Inc. and the City of Healdsburg.

The city's Redevelopment Agency contributed \$3.4 million to fund the project.

"Our partnership with Eden Housing helps us to achieve both our affordable housing and green building goals," said Mayor Jim Wood.

The new property is intended for households earning 30 percent to 50 percent of the area median income. Currently, the maximum income limits are \$32,200 for a family of two, \$36,200 for a family of three, and up to \$40,200 for a family of four.

Units range in size from 670-square-foot, one-bedroom apartments, to three-bedroom units at 1,200 square feet.

Today's ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 2 p.m., at 40 W. Grant St.

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