

Rescue, California Community Facilities

AB 172 (2021) established two key programs: the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program. Both programs represent significant investments toward addressing historically unmet needs of vulnerable Californians, including seniors, those with disabilities and marginalized groups, ensuring care in the least restrictive setting.

Native Directions and HomeCA, tribal and nonprofit organizations located in San Joaquin and El Dorado counties, respectively, have received state grants through AB 172. These funds are being used to build facilities to serve unhoused and vulnerable Native Americans from throughout California, enhancing the well-being of these populations.

These facilities offer services that are person-centered and culturally competent to facilitate healing. The facilities are residential, **not** commercial, and **not** designed for providing medical treatment.

Project #1: Assisted Living Facility

3480 Deer Valley Court, Rescue, CA

This facility will offer assisted living for Native American women ages 18-59, as well as to individuals aged 60 and older who have comparable needs. This facility is tailored to provide a living environment for people who require assistance with daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, walking or mobility and eating, but do not need the intensive medical care provided in nursing homes or hospitals. The facility will prioritize serving vulnerable Native American women who are homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The facility will consist of a single-story home that will fit seamlessly into the community's existing infrastructure. The house will have 15 bedrooms and 30 beds.

Project #2: Youth Residential Perinatal Facility

3335 Deer Valley Court, Rescue, CA

This non-medical, residential facility will serve up to 16 pregnant youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and may have substance use disorder or may be escaping from a violent environment. If the mothers have children, they may join them at the facility for the healing process.

This facility is a single-story home with 16 bedrooms and is located on 18.9 acres.

These projects embody a holistic approach to supporting Native American communities, balancing the need for essential services with environmental stewardship and community well-being. Through thoughtful planning and implementation, these initiatives are poised to make significant, positive impacts on the lives of many.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are these facilities only serving individuals from San Joaquin County?

A: No. Because these facilities are part of a statewide initiative, they will serve Native American individuals from counties throughout California.

Q: Are these commercial medical facilities?

A: No and no! No, these are not commercial facilities and no, these are not medical facilities. These are strictly residential facilities that will provide a variety of daily care to its residents. Any need for medical care, above and beyond administration of prescribed treatments, will be provided outside of these facilities. At the youth perinatal facility, the individuals will not receive prenatal medical care or give birth onsite.

Q: Are these drug rehab facilities?

A: No. A drug rehab facility is designed to offer treatment and support for individuals struggling with substance abuse, including *detoxification*, therapy and recovery planning. Rehab facilities focus on helping individuals overcome addiction and may provide both inpatient and outpatient services. **Neither of these facilities fit that description.**

Q: Why was Rescue chosen as the site for these facilities?

A: Choosing Rescue as a location for these facilities serving young native women was a thoughtful and purposeful decision. Rescue was chosen for its rural, peaceful surroundings and the secure environment it offers, all of which are conducive to healing and growth.

Q: Will these facilities impact traffic in the area?

A: No, these facilities will not create traffic concerns. There is very minimal impact, if any, anticipated due to the permanent residency of individuals and on-site accommodations for staff.

Q: Are steps being taken to minimize fire risk?

A: Yes, fire safety is a top priority and the buildings have been designed to comply with all safety regulations. They feature sprinkler systems and the required safety features. We will ensure that regular drills are conducted to maintain adequate emergency preparedness.

Q: How will these facilities impact local water supply?

A: The assisted living facility has a well with 45 GPM on a 10-acre parcel. The perinatal facility has an abundant supply of 80 GPM to support residents and staff.

Q: Will these facilities place a strain on local resources?

A: No, these facilities receive funding from the state and will not impinge on or compete for local resources.