

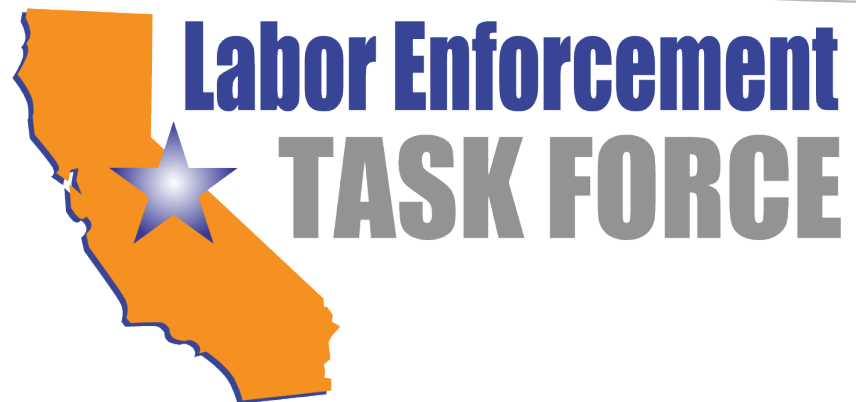
# LETF Strategic Enforcement of Public Works Construction

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The Labor Enforcement Task Force, under the direction of the Department of Industrial Relations, is a coalition of California State government enforcement agencies that work together and in partnership with local agencies to combat the underground economy. In this joint effort, information and resources are shared to ensure employees are paid properly and have safe work conditions and honest, law-abiding businesses have the opportunity for healthy competition.

# Combating the Underground Economy

## LETF: The benefits of joint enforcement

- Coordinate across multiple agencies
- Share data, information, and resources
- Ensure employees are paid properly and have safe work conditions
- Provide honest, law-abiding businesses the opportunity for healthy competition
- Minimize business interruption through joint inspection
- Target enforcement on employers violating the law

# LETF Strategic Enforcement Partner Agencies

- Department of Industrial Relations
  - Division of Occupational Safety & Health (Cal/OSHA)
  - Labor Commissioner's Office (DLSE)

# LETF Strategic Enforcement Partner Agencies cont.

- Employment Development Department (EDD)
  - Main LETF partner for multiple industries
- Contractors State License Board (CSLB)
  - Key partner for construction enforcement
- California Department of Insurance (CDI)
  - Collaboration on insurance fraud cases
- Local District Attorneys
  - Collaboration enables investigation and prosecution of wage theft cases and other labor law violations through the exchange of information and resources.

# AB 140

**SEC. 26.** Section 1785 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

**1785.** (a) The director shall establish and maintain a strategic enforcement unit focused on construction, alteration, and repair projects. The unit shall enhance the department's enforcement of this code in construction, alteration, and repair projects, including projects funded pursuant to Section 50675.1.3 of the Health and Safety Code and other publicly funded residential construction projects. The unit shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of this code in construction projects subject to Section 50675.1.3 of the Health and Safety Code. Any funds appropriated to the department for purposes of this section shall be administered and allocated by the director.

(b) The strategic enforcement unit described in subdivision (a) shall provide technical assistance to local public entities related to both of the following:

- (1) Best practices for monitoring and enforcing requirements pertaining to construction, alteration, and repair projects paid for in whole or in part out of public funds, including, but not limited to, this chapter.
- (2) Outreach and engagement with workers, employers, and state certified apprenticeship programs connected to construction, alteration, and repair projects.

# Strategic Enforcement of Public Works Projects

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 175 (Chapter 255, 2021), funding was appropriated from the Labor and Workforce Development Fund to support DIR in strategic enforcement focused on construction, alteration, and repair projects, subject to the provisions of Section 1785 of the Labor Code. This funding would provide enhanced strategic enforcement to target employers in the construction industry working on public works projects who are noncompliant with various labor laws.



**Homekey**

Bringing California Home

## Background

Building on the success of both **Project Roomkey** and the first round of Homekey, Homekey Round 2 continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and who are, thereby, inherently impacted by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), approximately \$1.4 billion (FY 2021-22) in grant funding will be made available to local public entities, including cities, counties, or other local public entities, such as housing authorities or Tribal Entities within California.



# Homekey Round 2 Overview



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## Homekey Awards Dashboard - Overview

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Data as of: 06/17/22



Projects Awarded: **73**

Funds Awarded: **\$1,199,946,126**

Homes Created: **4,142**

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All

Project Type

All

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The first round of Homekey funding allocated \$800 million for nearly 6,000 homes, projected to serve over 8,000 individuals. This dashboard provides information about the second round of Homekey program funding.

*"Homekey continues to change lives for the better in communities all across California by placing individuals on a path to long-term stable housing with services."*

—Governor Gavin Newsom

Projects

Jurisdictions with Homekey Award: **44**

Projects Serving Homeless Youth: **16**

Tribal Projects: **2**

Homes

Homes: **4,142**

Homes with 50+ Years of Affordability: **3,133**

Family-Sized Homes: **206**

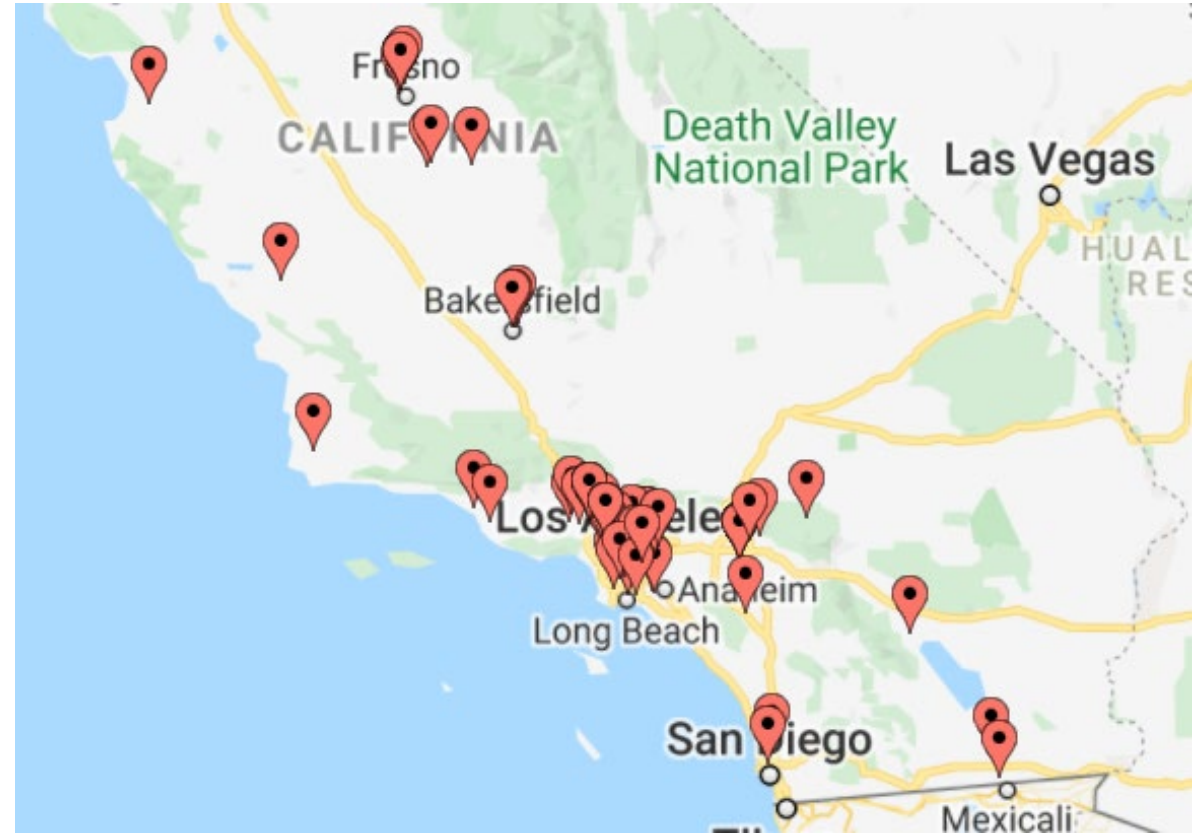
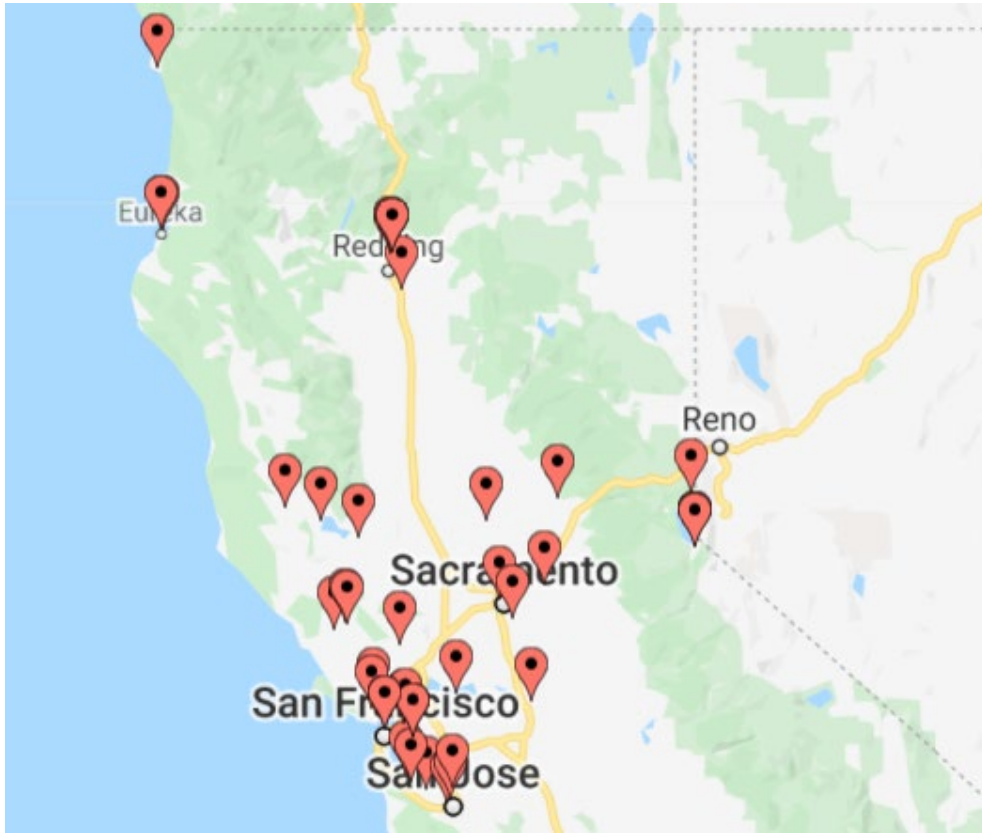
People

Chronically Homeless Households Served: **1,690**

Homeless Youth Households Served: **305**

Households Served over Project Lifetime: **45,633**

# Homekey Project Sites



# LETF Strategic Enforcement-Non Homekey

In addition to the focus on Homekey, LETF is also implementing strategic enforcement of non-Homekey related public works residential job sites. DLSE PW is reviewing all current and new complaints, and leads, to determine if they meet the criteria for joint enforcement operations at active on-site residential construction projects.

# Resources

Complete list of awarded Homekey Round 2 projects

<https://homekey.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Awardee-Funding-List-HK-B6.pdf>

*Frequently Asked Questions regarding Homekey Projects*

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/homekey/docs/homekey-frequently-asked-questions.pdf>

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