

Historic Golden Gate Village Secures Financial Close and HUD Approval, Unlocking Start of Phase 1 Revitalization

Phase 1 Revitalization Begins

MARIN CITY, CA August 31, 2026 – The revitalization of Golden Gate Village, Marin County’s only public housing community for families, has officially begun. The closing of project financing on August 19 secured the remaining funds necessary to undertake the \$97.6M planned renovation for the first 88 homes. Financial close followed a rigorous review by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which ensures federal environmental and historic preservation protections will remain in place throughout the revitalization.

“Financial close is a significant milestone for Golden Gate Village because it moves this long-planned revitalization from commitment to implementation,” said Dr. Tonia Lediju, Executive Director of the Marin Housing Authority. “Securing this investment allows us to preserve this historic community, protect its long-term affordability and provide residents with the safe, high-quality homes they deserve. As we continue this work alongside residents, our responsibility remains clear: honor the rich history, deep roots and generations of families that have shaped Golden Gate Village, protect residents’ right to return, and preserve this community as a place families can call home for generations to come.”

Golden Gate Village is a historically significant community that, through the leadership and advocacy of its residents and Resident Council, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017. Completed in 1961, Golden Gate Village was built to meet the post-war housing needs of Marin City's predominantly African American community, many of whose families had come to the area during World War II to work in the Marinship shipyard in Sausalito.

For over 60 years, Golden Gate Village has stood as a symbol of resilience, culture, and community. Having never undergone a comprehensive rehabilitation, this revitalization presents a rare opportunity to preserve its historic character, honor its legacy, maintain long-term affordability and ensure future generations can continue to call Golden Gate Village home.

The revitalization will repair the community’s aging buildings and outdated infrastructure. No part of the community will be demolished, and no new buildings will be constructed. Instead, existing homes will be upgraded — with new kitchens and bathrooms, improved heating, cooling and ventilation systems, fire safety improvements, modernized electrical systems, and other significant improvements. These renovations will provide cleaner, safer, and more energy-efficient homes, preserving Golden Gate Village as affordable housing for the long term.

Residents who temporarily relocate during revitalization retain their right to return to their homes in Golden Gate Village following completion of their homes.

This milestone builds on years of collaboration among the Marin Housing Authority, Golden Gate Village residents, Burbank Housing and project partners. It follows the project's award reservation of tax credits and bonds from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee and California Debt Limit Allocation Committee, which secured a critical component of the financing needed to launch Phase 1. "We are honored to support the preservation of Golden Gate Village," said John Kauh, Managing Director at Wells Fargo. "Through this partnership, we are helping to safeguard a vital community asset, ensuring that families have a stable and high-quality place to live for many years to come."

"This approval represents years of thoughtful and detailed work," said Larry Florin, CEO and President of Burbank Housing. "We are grateful to the residents, staff, community advocates and project partners who participated in the process and helped us reach this critical milestone. We are excited to begin Phase 1 and remain committed to keeping residents informed and involved as the revitalization moves forward."

Burbank Housing and the Marin Housing Authority will continue working closely with residents throughout the revitalization process. This includes supporting residents as they temporarily relocate, completing improvements to their homes, and helping them return to their newly refurbished homes while minimizing disruption throughout the transition.

"Our commitment to residents extends beyond the physical improvements to Golden Gate Village," said Dr. Lediju. "Stable, dignified housing provides a foundation from which individuals and families can pursue opportunity, strengthen their economic stability and move forward in the ways they define for themselves. For MHA, this revitalization is also about our long-term stewardship of Golden Gate Village—supporting residents through the transition, expanding access to opportunities and services, and helping create the conditions for this community to thrive well beyond the completion of the revitalization."

Additional information about revitalization activities, resident support and upcoming project milestones will be shared directly with residents and through Golden Gate Village's community communication channels.

For more information about the revitalization of Golden Gate Village, visit the Golden Gate Village revitalization website at <https://ggvrenovation.org> or email GGV-Project@burbankhousing.org.

About Golden Gate Village

Completed in 1961 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé Aaron Green, Golden Gate Village was created for African American families who came to the area during World War II to work in the shipyards. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 296-unit community remains home to nearly 300 lower-income families. The revitalization of Golden Gate Village aims to preserve this vital housing resource, retain its historic character and ensure long-term affordability for generations to come.

About Burbank Housing

Burbank Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with over 46 years of experience building, rehabilitating and managing affordable communities across the North Bay. Known for its commitment to long-term community partnerships, Burbank Housing was selected by the Marin Housing Authority to lead the revitalization of Golden Gate Village following a public process. The selection of Burbank Housing aligns with the Resident Plan's priorities for Golden Gate Village, which focuses on community input, preservation and affordability.

About Marin Housing Authority

The Marin Housing Authority has served as Marin County's public housing agency since 1942, providing affordable housing solutions and rental assistance to low-income residents. As the owner and public steward of Golden Gate Village, Marin Housing Authority administers federal housing programs, manages public housing communities and works to preserve and expand affordable housing opportunities throughout Marin County. Its work is grounded in a commitment to housing stability and creating the foundation from which individuals and families can pursue opportunity and long-term stability.

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