

Laguna Honda Hospital Senior Housing Project Overview

Project Description:

The Laguna Honda Hospital site is owned by the City and the hospital is operated by the Department of Public Health (DPH)

The current project concept would create an up to 6 story building with up to 160 units (a mix of studio and 1-berooms) of housing for seniors. The goal is to create a spectrum of housing options for seniors within the footprint of this one project. This means units will serve a range of needs, from those who need assisted living and skilled nursing to those who are capable of independent living. The proximity of the site to the hospital will facilitate service provision.

In 2002 an EIR for re-use/new construction at Laguna Honda Hospital anticipated an assisted living facility that looked like this:

- 95,000 square feet
- 4 stories, ~50 feet tall
- 140 beds in 100 units consisting of 1 and 2 persons
- 35 FTEs employed at the building
- No parking specifically for this building, an overall parking/transit demand plan for the campus

The Assisted Living facility wasn't built, and there's currently a gravel parking lot to the west of the North Building that is build-able (e.g. graded flat and a building was anticipated in the 2002 EIR) but not improved.

Project Status:

The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) is committed to moving forward a feasibility study and DPH is also committed to collaborating in all aspects of project development. Mayor Farrell is aware of this project and has expressed his support.

Existing Funding:

No funding is currently dedicated to this project.

Uses for Requested Funding:

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Points of Differentiation from 250 Laguna Honda Project:

Several factors distinguish this hospital site and give us confidence about its success for affordable housing. First, the previous Forest Hill site was located at the base of a geologically unstable hillside that created significant technical and cost challenges. The current site is located on the Laguna Honda Hospital campus and has no geotechnical problems to overcome.

Second, the Forest Hill project was led by a developer from outside San Francisco that was unfamiliar with the neighborhood and not well-versed in San Francisco's housing process. We are working with MOHCD to ensure that an appropriate development team is selected for this new project site.

Third, several constituents have, of their own accord, suggested building affordable housing at the Laguna Honda hospital site and we are working proactively with some of them to ensure that this project has strong neighborhood support.