

Altadena Builds Back Foundation Grants \$5.8 Million to Rebuild Affordable Rental Housing

Fire survivors are guaranteed 55 years of affordable rental housing

PASADENA, CA – November 19, 2025 – Altadena, California – In a major step toward an equitable and long-term recovery, the Altadena Builds Back Foundation announces its largest grant to date, \$5.8 million to Beacon Housing. The grant will support the rebuilding of 14 units of affordable rental housing for very low-income families in Altadena, guaranteeing 55 years of affordability and prioritizing those displaced by the Eaton Fire.

This project comes at a pivotal moment in Altadena’s recovery, providing a near-term solution for displaced fire survivors and a long-term commitment to preserving the community’s culture, character, and affordability.

Altadena faces a deep shortage of rental housing, with many renters still unable to find affordable replacement housing. [The Eaton Fire Collaborative](#) reported in July that 72% of surveyed renters are still in need of housing, and 68% experienced a total loss of their home. This investment by ABBF marks an important step in addressing these critical needs, prioritizing housing recovery and paving the way for future investments as rebuilding continues.

“Recovery isn’t just about rebuilding homes, it’s about ensuring that those most impacted and vulnerable, especially renters, are able to remain in the community that they love,” said Candice Kim, Project Director, Altadena Builds Back Foundation. “As we rebuild, affordable rental housing isn’t just a necessity. It’s the foundation for recovery to serve the vibrant, inclusive character that makes Altadena home.”

Led by residents and community leaders who were themselves affected by the fire, the Beacon Housing Bungalow Court rebuild represents the possibility and promise of a survivor-centered recovery. The project began when the original landowner – a longtime landlord and Eaton Fire survivor – decided that she wanted to help ensure a future for low-income renters in Altadena. To realize this vision, she turned to Beacon Housing, a trusted local nonprofit housing developer.

Palin Ngaotheppitak, Executive Director of Beacon Housing Pasadena, shared, “Securing affordable housing is at the center of what we do. Beacon Housing is honored to partner with ABBF at this important moment in Altadena’s recovery to ensure Altadena remains affordable for fire survivors.”

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About the Altadena Builds Back Foundation

The Altadena Builds Back Foundation (ABBF) is a supporting organization based out of the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). ABBF is helping drive the long-term recovery of housing in Altadena to make sure displaced residents can continue to live in their community and preserve the diversity, character, and affordability of Altadena.

For more information, visit pasadenacf.org/fund/altadena-builds-back-foundation-fund/.