The Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program was created by Senate Bill 1582 (2016) with the goal of creating affordable homes for vulnerable families focused on communities of color and rural communities.

LIFT is funded by Article XI-Q General Obligation Bonds.

RENTAL
Built:
- 360 (2016 recipients, $8,297,919)
Under development:
- 437 (2016 recipients, $24,934,852)
- 836 (2018 recipients, $53,906,900)
- 423 (2019 recipients, $30,509,964)
2,056 homes total

HOMEOWNERSHIP
Under development:
- (houses, townhomes & condos)
  - 84 (2018 recipients, $5,580,000)
  - 63 (2019 recipients, $4,405,000)
147 homes total

Susan Qualey, a Salem resident, didn’t know where her family would be staying were it not for the first LIFT project to open at Cornerstone Apartments. "I feel it's truly where God wanted me and my children because everything just worked."

Click here to view an interactive map.

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HOW LIFT PROJECTS ARE SELECTED

OHCS offers funds before Article XI-Q General Obligation Bond sales and after authorization from the Legislature. The process of funding LIFT projects is detailed below.

1. OHCS offers funds through two competitive NOFAs (Notices of Funding Availability): multifamily rental and homeownership.

2. A scoring committee made up of internal and external members review and rank the applications. The members are made up of representatives from:
   - Communities of color
   - Diverse geographical regions
   - Industry experts (private & public)

3. OHCS Director and leadership receive and review the scoring committee recommendations.

4. OHCS makes recommendations to the Housing Stability Council, OHCS' policy body.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

- Commitment to equity:
  - Ongoing service partnership with a culturally specific organization that has a diverse and representative leadership.
  - Plans to address equity and diversity in the project through the use of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business sub-contracting, and professional services.

- Readiness for development; prioritizing viable projects with the ability to get units on line quickly.

- Affordable rents for those at or below 60% area median income and affordable homeownership for those earning at or below 80% area median income.

- Demonstration of construction costs that are in line with comparable industry norms.

- Demonstration of innovation, efficiency or replicability of building development or finance strategy.

- Lower amount of LIFT subsidy.