

**California Community Land Trust Network**

# **2023 Conference**

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# **Innovative Fundraising Strategies for CLT Acquisitions**

— Friday, Oct. 20 —

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# Factors that Shape CLT Project Financing

- What rents or unit acquisition revenues are expected?
- How much construction/rehabilitation is required?
- Operating costs for the building
- Do the residents want to convert the building to homeownership?
- Cost of ongoing stewardship
- Availability of local subsidy

# Why do we have to be innovative?

- CLTs are perceived as new, less established, and risky
- Low-income residents can't be trusted with homeownership, renting is "better"
- Grants for real estate are uncommon
- Public investment in housing is limited
- Real Estate requires some sort of return on investment → higher costs
- LIHTC can be challenging with CLTs



*Bay Area CLT Rehab Project*

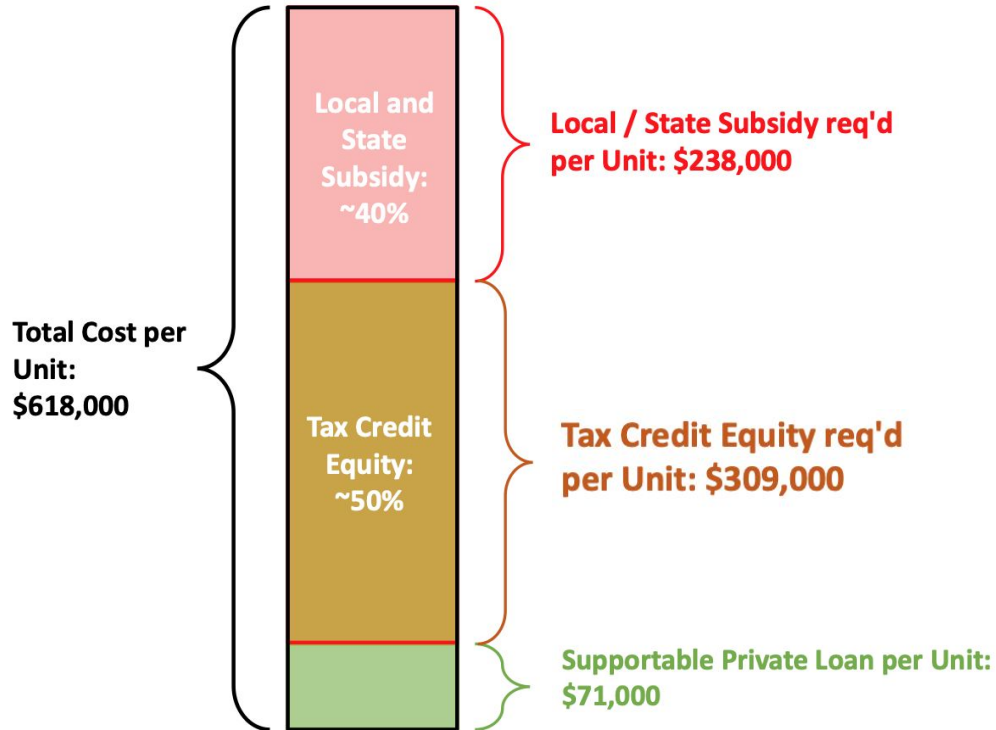
# What's up with LIHTC?

- The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) is the primary source of \$\$\$ for affordable housing in the US.
- Financed through complicated investor tax-writeoffs
- Rent restrictions expire after 55 years, very difficult for ownership
- Generally used for larger developments, not small sites
- Strict income limits can lead to evictions
- Popular → competitive

This makes it hard/unattractive for CLTs to utilize LIHTC and requires other sources of financing and innovative strategies for bringing land into the CLT

# Typical LIHTC Financing

**Number of  
Households  
Served: 47**



Acquisition Cost per Unit:	\$61,000
Construction Cost per Unit:	\$412,000
Other Costs per Unit:	\$145,000
<b>Total Cost per Unit:</b>	<b>\$618,000</b>

\*Assumes each unit is rented at affordable price to households w/ annual income ranging from \$27k - \$65k

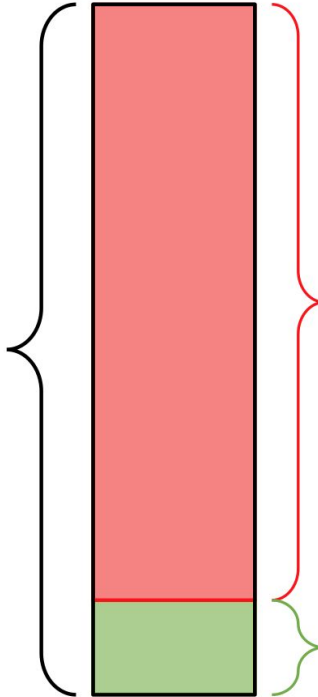
# Acq-Rehab of 10-Unit Building Without LIHTC

Number of Households Served: 10



Acquisition Cost per Unit:	\$253,000
Rehab Cost per Unit:	\$60,000
Other Costs per Unit:	\$84,000
<b>Total Cost per Unit:</b>	<b>\$397,000</b>

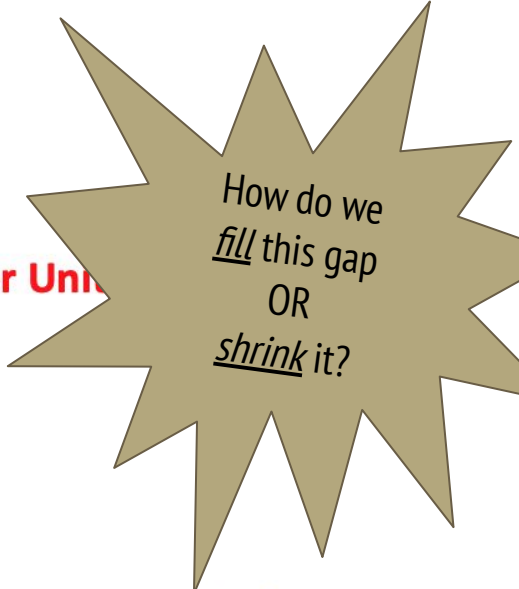
Total Cost per Unit:  
\$397,000



Funding Gap per Unit:  
**\$346,000**

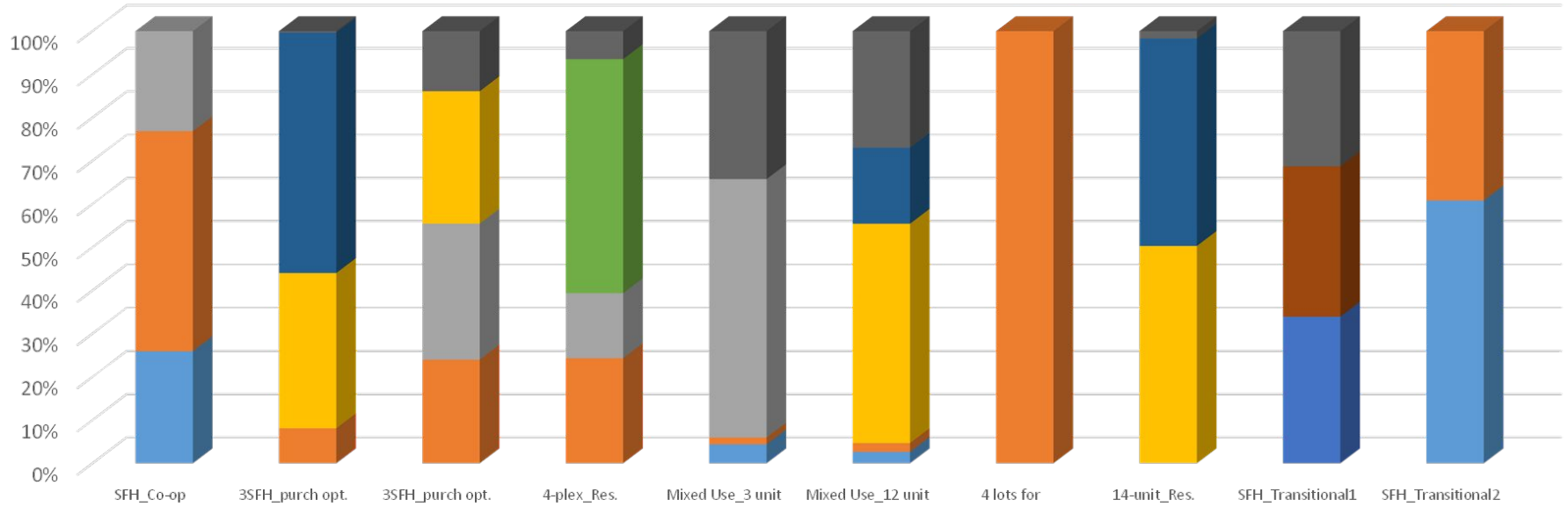
Supportable Private Loan per Unit:  
**\$51,000**

Credit: CTY Housing



\*Assumes each unit is rented at affordable price to 4-person household w/ annual income of ~\$48k

# Capital Stack Comparison



■ Private Donation

■ Foundation Grant

■ Private Loan

■ CDFI Loan

■ Bank Loan

■ Foundation PRI

■ Residual Rcpts (municipal)

■ Government Grant

■ Organizational Equity



# San Francisco Community Land Trust (SFCLT)

285 Turk street  
&  
LEHC co-op conversion

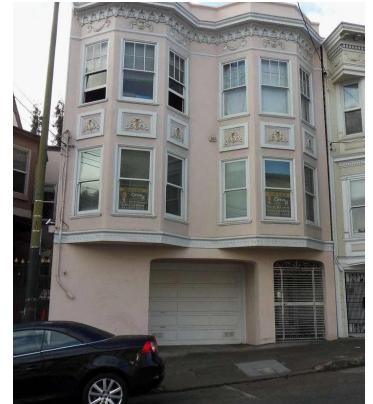


# SFCLT mission

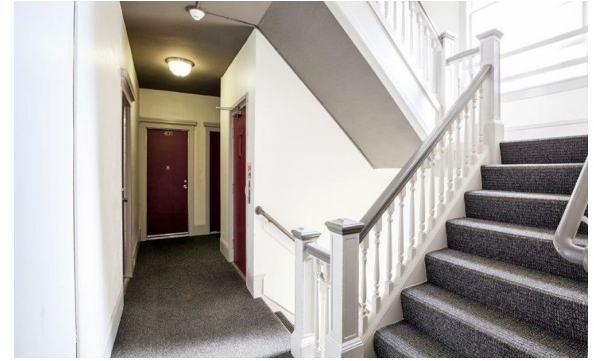
- City-wide Preservation
- LEHC creation
- 14 buildings and counting



Courtesy of Kevin DuBay

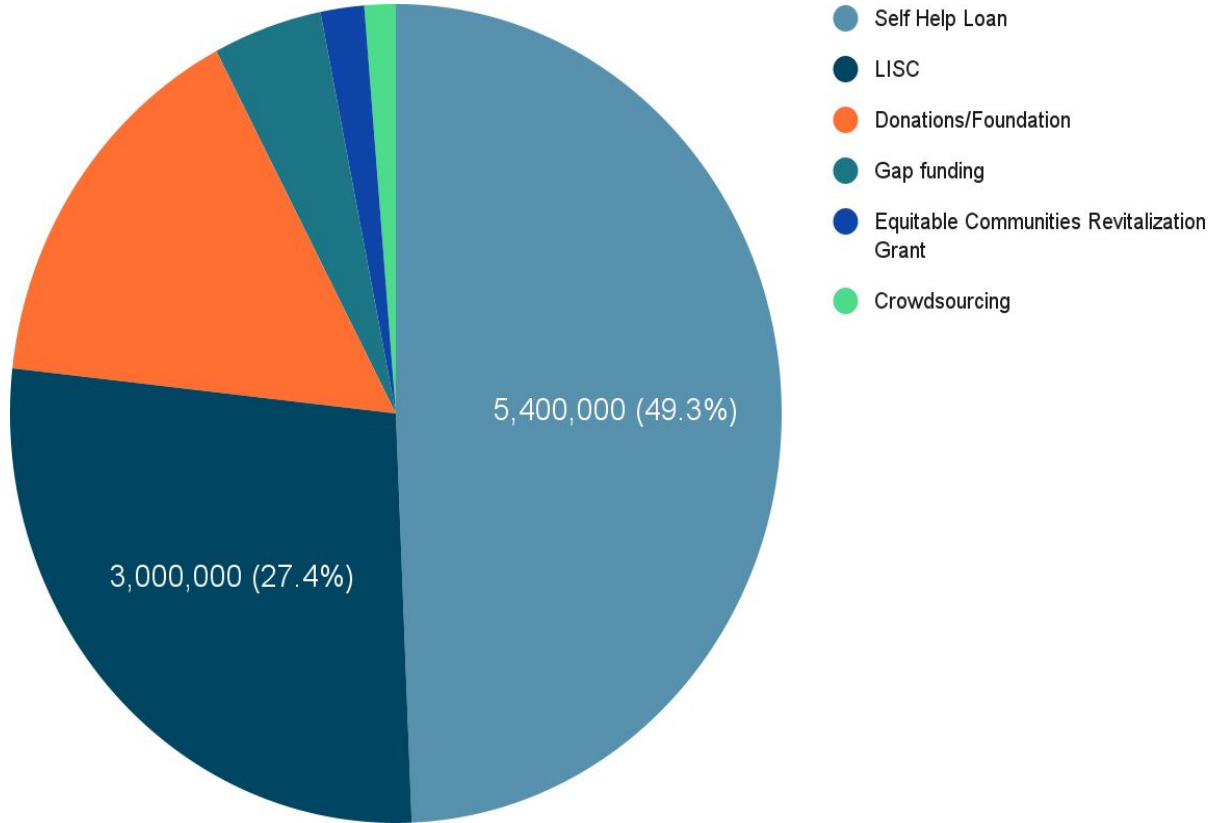


# 285 Turk st.



- Centering racial equity at the heart of our acquisition strategy
- 40 units, majority Filipino, Black, Indigenous to the Yucatan peninsula/Latinx
- 5-year timeline to LEHC conversion
- Replicating CUC's REOC

# 285 Turk St Capital Stack



- \$9.3 mil Acquisition
- \$1.7m raised in donations
- Post-purchase budget of \$600K
- \$200K environmental remediation
- Total of \$10.1mil

# Oakland Community Land Trust



## Hasta Muerte Coffee Collective:

Purchase utilizing an assignable  
first right of refusal and funded  
through private offering





# TIMELINE

**Oct 2016:** Hasta Muerte signs lease on commercial space at 2701 Fruitvale

**Dec 2017:** Hasta Muerte Cafe opens after over a year of build out, permitting

**April 9, 2018:** 2701 Fruitvale listed for sale by owner

**May 17, 2018:** Purchase offer accepted by owner

**May 21, 2018:** HMC exercises 1st right of refusal, assigns contract to OakCLT

**July 11, 2018:** OakCLT closes on purchase of 2701 Fruitvale

# Takeaway #1: Right of 1st Refusal

## Hasta Muerte, Oakland cafe that refused to serve to cops, faces uncertain future



Annie Vainshtein, SFGATE

June 4, 2018

rent payment shall be on March 1, 2017.

5. 1st Right of Refusal - The Tenant shall have the right to purchase this property at the exact same terms and conditions contained in an offer that the owner has received (and wants to accept) from another buyer.



# Takeaway #2: Community Solidarity

BEST OF THE EAST BAY 2018

## Best Cafe Against Gentrification

Hasta Muerte Coffee

Hasta Muerte made headlines earlier this year when they made it known that they do not service police in uniform. But that is just one aspect of their business that illustrates Hasta Muerte's commitment to their community. Hasta Muerte is a worker-run coffee shop whose collective business model focuses on keeping money in their East Oakland community rather than handing it over to large (and sometimes racially insensitive) corporations. They offer more than just coffee and pastries and occasional pop-ups — part of the space also acts as a radical bookstore, so you can educate yourself and stay woke. And earlier this month, in the ultimate act of anti-gentrification, Hasta Muerte bought their building — in partnership with the Oakland Community Land Trust — so that the coffeeshop can avoid the all-too-common threat of displacement. You may find that coffee tastes better while you're dismantling the hetero-patriarchal capitalist system.

2701 Fruitvale Ave.,  
Oakland, 510-689-2922;  
HastaMuerteCoffee.com

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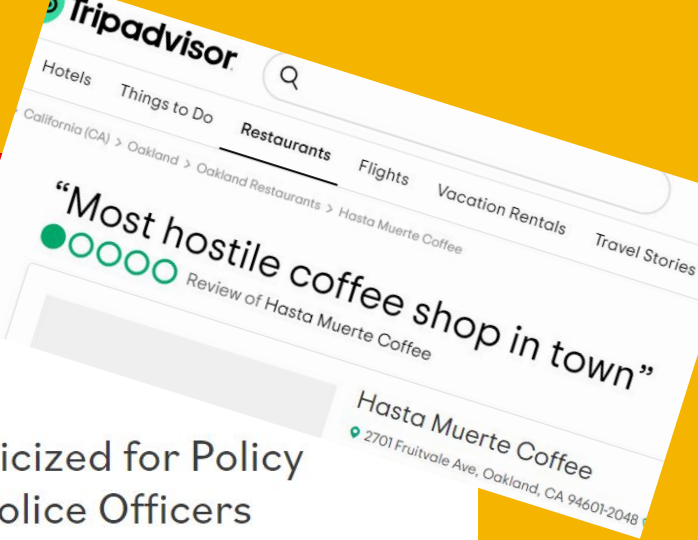
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## Oakland Cafe Criticized for Policy Against Serving Police Officers

“For the physical and emotional safety of our customers and ourselves”

by [Caleb Pershan](#) | Mar 9, 2018, 12:43pm PST | 4 comments

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## Challenge #1:

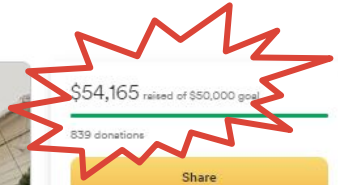
How to buy a building in < 45 days?

1. Match existing terms of accepted offer
2. Close in a little over a month
3. Do it without a traditional lender

# Crowdfunding Campaign:

**\$54,165 raised**  
**839 donations**  
**30 Days**

## Sanctuary Space Hasta la Muerte



Share

Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you

- Anonymous \$50 + 3 yrs
- Don Curtis \$50 + 3 yrs
- Charlie Victoria \$5 + 5 yrs
- Anonymous \$500 + 5 yrs
- Annabelle Berrios \$10 + 5 yrs

See all See top donations

Hasta Muerte is organizing this fundraiser to benefit Oakland Community Land Trust. ✓

7/3 UPDATE, WE MADE OUR CROWDFUNDING GOAL!!!! THANKS SOO MUCH TO EVERYONE THAT WAS A PART OF THIS: WHETHER YOU KICKED IN, SPREAD THE WORD, CAME IN AND SHOWED LOVE, YALL MADE IT HAPPEN!

We are still working out the business of finalizing the purchase, we will post an update when its complete!

related press:  
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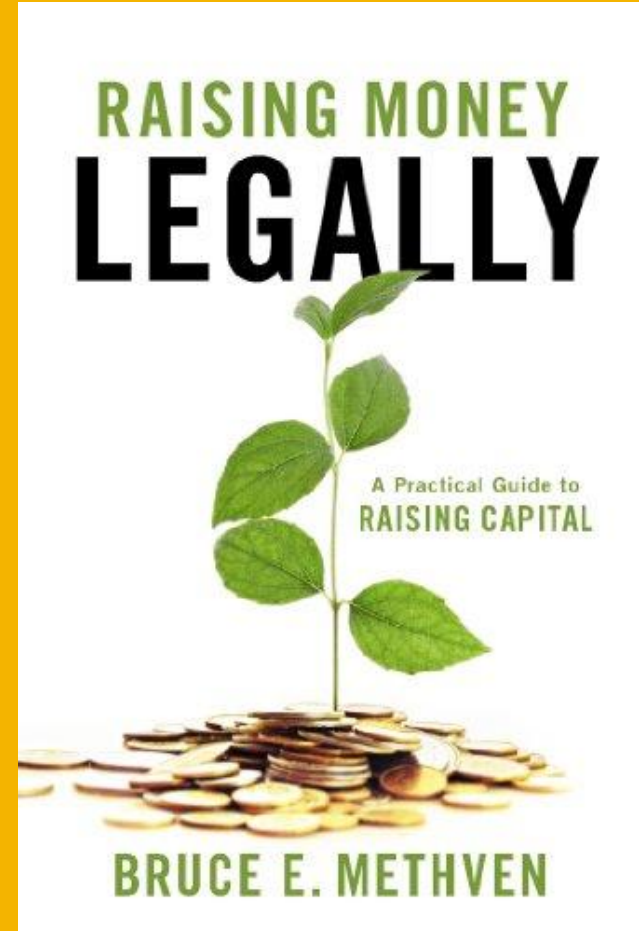
Donate Share

### Organizer

**Oakland Community Land Trust**  
Organizer  
Oakland, CA  
Registered nonprofit  
Donations are typically 100% tax deductible in the US.

# Community Lending Campaign:

## OakCLT's Private Placement Offering





# Key Steps for OakCLT

- Hire attorney specializing in Securities Law (draft docs, advise on process)
- Form new single-member LLC to pool loans from individuals (support from OakCLT's general counsel)
- *Direct* outreach + communications with potential lenders
- Screen investors based on required qualifications of private placement (i.e., friends, family, colleagues; accredited v. non-accredited)
- Herd cats: answer questions, get all docs signed, make sure \$ is transferred/wired

# Acquisition Budget

Total Cost:  
**\$973,206**

## SOURCES:



Private Offering: **\$570,800**

Donations: **\$198,802**

OakCLT Equity: **\$203,606**

## USES:

Sale Price: **\$960,000**

Transfer Tax: **\$7,200**

Title/Escrow: **\$6,006**



**OakCLT -  
Amigxs de  
Hasta Muerte  
Private  
Placement**

**\$570,800 total**

**5 year term**

**22 Investors**

**\$306k @ 0% interest (10 investors)**

**\$264,800 @ <4% interest (12)**

**Blended Interest Rate = 1.065%**



**OakCLT -  
Amigxs de  
Hasta Muerte  
Private  
Placement**

**Original 5 year term ended 7/1/23**

**OakCLT Question to Investors:**

- **Donate, Extend, or Repay?**

**Outcome:**

- **\$220k donated!**
- **\$269k extended for new term**
- **\$81k repaid**

## Proposed Ownership Structures for 2701/2703 Fruitvale Ave

-  Unit A Ownership
-  Unit B Ownership
-  Residential HOA (Units A&B)
-  Hasta Muerte Coffee  
Ownership
-  Combo Residential/HMC  
Ownership
-  OakCLT Ownership (Land)





# Supportive Housing Community Land Alliance

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST NETWORK CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 19,  
2023





## Mission

Supportive Housing Community Land Alliance (SHCLA) is a membership-based community land trust whose mission is to increase access to mental health services for low-income people living with serious mental health challenges in Alameda County by creating and stewarding permanently affordable housing. The homes on our land will provide safe, secure, and supportive housing for residents whose income is 30% or less of the Alameda County Area Median Income.

## Vision

- SHCLA will create and steward permanently affordable housing through the community land trust model by maintaining ownership of the land.
- Using art therapy, biophilic design and access to high opportunity neighborhoods, residents in SHCLA properties will thrive and achieve higher quality of life outcomes as we create integrated community settings.
- The CLT model will ensure the homes on the land provide safe, permanent, and supportive housing for residents whose income is 30% or less of the Alameda County Area Median Income.

“being with” — the french word avec evokes — embodies  
the project’s ethic of collaboration, acceptance and  
community

# AVEC Acquisition

## CCE Application

- PROPOSAL

- 8 units

- Four family units

- Four coordinated entry/board and care units

- These units have shared bedrooms

- \$2.7 million in acquisition and rehab funding requested

- ISSUES

- Does this represent our programmatic objectives?

- E.g., is it okay to provide this benefit to families with resources without greater public benefit?

- Integrated settings best practice

- Long term financial feasibility

- High acuity clients from coordinated entry

- increased services and operating costs

# Operating Expenses

- RESIDENT ASSISTANT
  - \$30/hr + \$1,000 bonus
  - Health, vision, dental benefits
  - Rent-free unit
  - \$41,000 annually
- OTHER MAJOR EXPENSES
  - \$12,000 cleaning and janitorial
  - \$20,000 utilities
  - \$7,000 insurance
  - \$4,500 replacement reserves
  - \$5,000 asset management fee
- TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES
  - \$137k annually



# Lifetime Lease Terms

Payment Terms	Deposit	Monthly	15-Year Total	Description	Constraints
<b>Base Assumption</b>	100,000.00	500.00	205,127.60	At year 15, family has option to move resident or pay another \$100K deposit; this assumes the \$500/mo rent is increased 2.5% per year	Requires additional \$1M fundraising before year 15 to cash flow through year 28
<b>Alt 1 (\$200K upfront deposit)</b>	200,000.00	500.00	410,255.20	Family makes one \$200K deposit which covers up to 30 years of occupancy at AVEC with no additional lump sum required; this assumes the \$500/mo rent is increased 2.5% per year	Does not require additional fundraising during operations; cash flow through year 27 achieved
<b>Alt 2 (\$150K deposit; \$1K/mo)</b>	150,000.00	1,000.00	577,860.80	Family makes one \$150K deposit which covers up to 30 years of occupancy at AVEC with no additional lump sum required; this assumes \$1000/mo rent escalated at 2.5%	Cash flow through year 30 achieved with significant funding remaining in reserve (\$430K at year 30)
<b>Alt 3 (two families subsidized)</b>	"	"	"	Families of four residents pay same as above; two residents are subsidized (no deposit, no monthly family support)	Requires additional \$550K fundraising before year 24 to cash flow through year 30

305 Vernon Lifetime Lease Scenarios - 30-year Cash Flow Deal Points & Family Cost Summary					
Feasibility Deal Points			Family Cost Calculator		
Scenario	Lifetime Lease Terms <i>Note 1: assumes five families pay lifetime lease fee and family subsidy which increases 2.5% annually</i> <i>Note 2: four units must be subsidized by vouchers</i> <i>Note 3: one 1BR must be adapted to two studios for a total of ten units (9 affordable and 1 manager)</i>	Additional Fundraise	Lifetime Lease Fee	Monthly Subsidy	15-Year Total
V1	<b>Deposit: \$100K</b> <b>Monthly Subsidy: \$1000 (2.5% annual increase)</b> <b>Addtl fundraising need: \$200K</b>	\$200,000	100,000	1,000	313,930
V2	<b>Deposit: \$75K</b> <b>Monthly Subsidy: \$750 (2.5% annual increase)</b> <b>Addtl fundraising need: \$675K</b>	\$675,000	75,000	750	234,298

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The logo for SHCLA (Southwest Health Care Leadership Association) features the lowercase letters 'shcla' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are color-coded: 's' is red, 'h' is yellow, 'c' is blue, and 'l' is light blue. The 'a' is a solid light blue. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

# Pam from CLAM

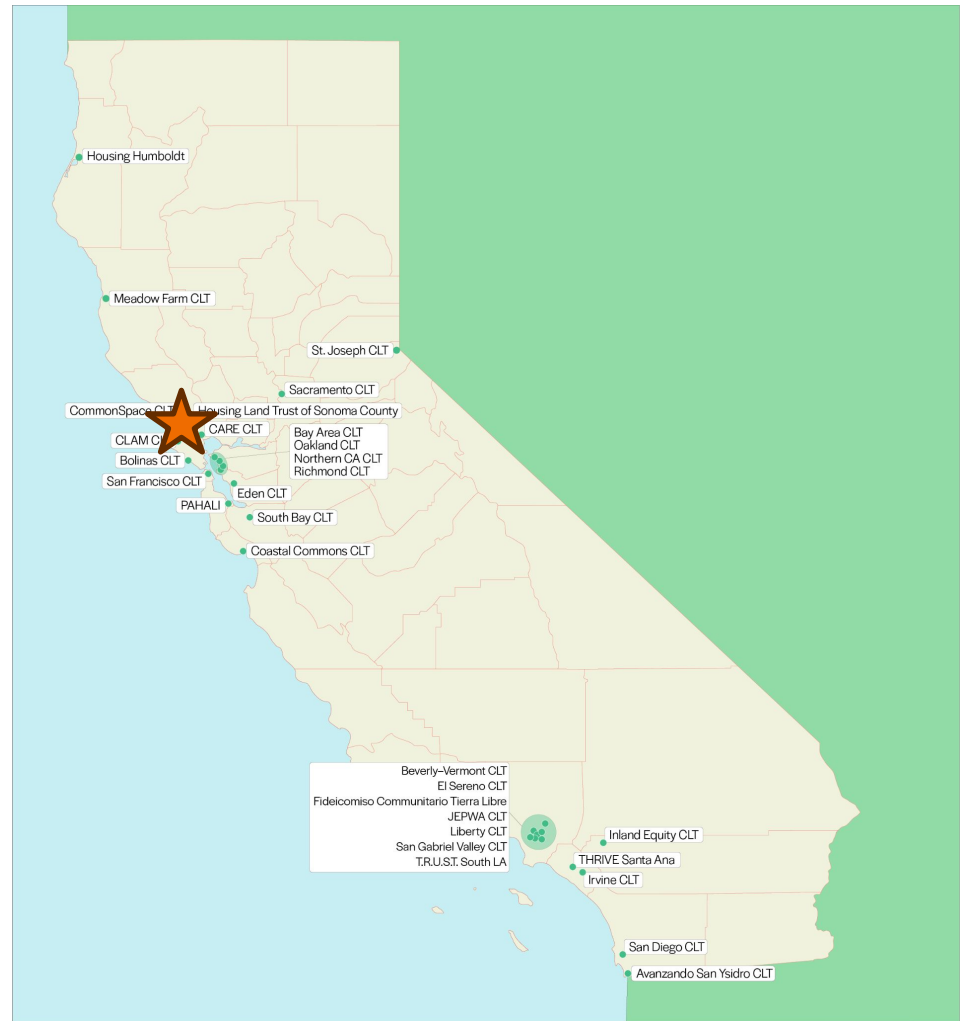
## Community Land Trust Association of West Marin



# West Marin Co.

- **Development Constraints:**

- Rural
- Coastal Zone
- High Fire
- Septic (no Sewer)
- Only Low Density Zoning
- High AirBNB Rates
- High Real Estate Values
- Lack Subsidy
- No Capital







**CLAM**

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST  
OF WEST MARIN

# Planned Giving Approaches – Why Planned Giving?

## For CLT's

- Take homes out of speculative market, preserve for future affordability
- Small sites acquisition planning
- Mutual benefit for CLT and community member
- Cost effective, asset acquisition strategy

## For Donor's

- Legacy-building
- Piece of mind if they have no heirs or a few heirs, clarify estate intentions
- Financial benefit (mutual benefit)
- “Everyone can contribute” to fostering a sustainable community





# Planned Giving Approaches

<b>Real Estate &amp; Gifting Transfer Scenarios</b>	
<b>Gift at death</b>	Owner does not need income now. Intends to hold property
<b>Option at death</b>	Owner does not need income now, and desires to leave some equity as inheritance
<b>Age in Place</b>	Owner needs additional retirement income, has house as main asset. CLT purchases the property and title transfers at death
<b>CLT Reverse Purchase</b>	Owner sells/transfers property to CLT. CLT splits title, sells improvements back the home. Convert home to a Community Land Trust property.
<b>Gift: Non-real estate</b>	Stock, cash, other

# Planned Giving Scenarios:



Real Estate transfer scenarios	Upfront cost to CLT	Immediate revenue to CLT	Owner collaboration / involvement	Real Estate Mechanisms	CLT risk & management capacity
<b>Gift upon death</b>	No	Yes	No	Will or Trust; Attorney transaction	Maintain donor relationships; List interested parties; Confirm
<b>Option to purchase upon death</b>	Yes <i>Advise future terms</i>	Yes	Establish terms affordable to the CLT	Will or Trust; Attorney transaction	Financial match, readiness to fund
<b>Age in Place</b>	Yes <i>Negotiate purchase</i>	No	Yes/ High	Retained Life Estate; Reverse Mortgage Broker or Attorney	Collaborator capacity; intimate partnership
<b>CLT reverse purchase + ground lease</b>	Yes <i>Negotiate purchase</i>	CLT lease fee or Rent back to seller	Yes/ Low	Purchase, CLT ground lease or rent back to seller Broker Transaction	Heirs may not be happy. Should be included in decisions.

# Planned Giving Case Studies:



## **Cypress**

Retained Life Estate with existing owner

Acquisition:

- Purchase \$350,00
- Construction improvements \$150,000
- Existing ADU & detached room rental

Deliverable:

- Owner & tenants remain - tenant income is owner's
- Property transfer to CLAM after death.

## **Fig**

Option to Purchase in Trust

Acquisition:

- \$500,000 or  $\frac{2}{3}$  Appraised value
- Construction improvements \$250,000
- Add ADU

Deliverable:

- CLT rental, main & ADU

## **Redwood**

Bargain sale

Acquisition:

- Purchase
- Construction Improvements for \$400,000
- Add ADU

Deliverable:

- CLT home ownership & ADU rental

# Criteria for Age in Place



<b>Age In Place Criteria (EXAMPLE)</b>	<b>Desirability High</b>	<b>Low</b>
Donor age threshold	80+	70
Capacity to serve multiple households	3 HH	1 HH
Property considerations	Maintenance & location	remote/expensive/complicated
Critical repairs status	under \$50k	over \$100k
Energy efficiency	well insulated/tight	no insulation/single pane
Owner AMI	under 80%	over 120%
Owner alignment to CLAM mission	high level	reluctance
Heirs	none, or accepting	tensions present
Subsidy needed to bridge resale value	none	>\$200K
Long term care funds available	income and/or savings	no asset other than home

# Key Concepts in Planned Giving



## Your interest is in impact, not financial implications

- **Your job is to excite the donor about the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy they can be proud of, that carries their values and connections forward. Your job is to inspire the donor.**
- **When you visit with planned giving prospects, you have two objectives:**
  - Bring out information about the donor's experiences, values, worries, needs, desires, money, relationships, and the condition of financial/legal/tax/retirement/estate plans
  - Learn what the donor wants to do in the world, what the donor wants to give to leave as a legacy, and where your organization can help to accomplish any of those things.
- **Your duty is not to advise the donor on the inheritance and tax implications of planned giving. Lawyers and financial advisors do that.**
  - Always recommend the donor consults with their own advisors to ensure there is no conflict of interest in how your organization's real estate advisors are putting together the agreement

# Options for Covering Costs

- **Planned Gift/Bequest:** Donor makes plans to leave the property to the organization in their will
- **Per Project Fundraising:** Organization needs to raise money to acquire the property and conducts a special fundraising campaign for this specific property/project. The timeline may be tight for this.
- **Acquisition Fund:** In order to acquire multiple properties in a year, the organization creates a fund that can be used for purchases and fundraises around the overall concept, rather than per project. Ideally this fund is proactively filled so the organization can remain flexible to opportunities as they arise.



# Reminders:



## **Be mindful of impact, reputation AND financial implications**

- Know your donors
  - Keep a list - interested planned givers
  - Maintain relationships
  - If possible, confirm the heirs are aware of the gift arrangement. Get it in writing if possible.
- Work your proformas
  - Ownership and/or rental future options
  - Be clear on financial feasibility with donors
- Consider solutions outside “planned giving” that may also have impact
  - Co-ownership
  - Add ADU/JADU







**CLAM**

