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The League of California Cities® and the Department of Finance (DOF) will host a webinar to inform cities of a grant opportunity for siting Community-Based Transitional Housing. Registration is now open for this free, one-hour webinar scheduled for Thursday, March 2.

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Share Your City Hall Picture for a Chance to be on the 2017 *City Hall Directory* Cover

Deadline to Submit is Tuesday, Feb. 7

Help make your city a star! The League of California Cities® is seeking photos of your city hall to include on the cover of this year's *City Hall Directory*. This comprehensive directory contains contact information for each of California's 482 cities including the names of the mayor, council members and department heads. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$10.3 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Fontana

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 3.*

Background on Community-Based Transitional Housing Program

Cities and counties are eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional Housing Program. Established by [SB 837](#) in June 2016, the program provides \$25 million in grants for cities or counties that agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders. Individual grants can be up to \$2 million, depending on the size of the facility, and priorities will be provided for applications with local matching contributions.

To ensure that cities are fully aware of this program and have a chance to consider taking advantage of it, we are hosting a webinar to enable DOF to explain the program in greater detail, and be available to answer your questions.

DOF's [FAQ's for the Community Based Transitional Housing grant program](#) has additional information.

Applications will be accepted on a first come basis over a two-year period that begins Oct. 1, 2016. DOF will stop accepting applications when the \$25 million appropriation is fully awarded even if that occurs prior to Oct. 1, 2018. The [application](#) is available on DOF's website.

Webinar Details

Thursday, March 2, 1–2 p.m.

[Register online](#) by Monday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m. Webinar log-in information will be sent that day.

Typically, League webinars only allow one connection per city but due to capacity, each member city can have two connections to make it easier to participate. The webinar is free for members and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

Please direct registration questions to [Megan Dunn](#). Please direct other questions to [Sarah Nowshiravan](#).

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The 2017 cover will feature multiple images of California city halls. Submissions not used on the cover may be added to the League's image archive that is used in many capacities, including *Western City* magazine, *CA Cities Advocate*, the League website, brochures and other publications.

Credit for each image used on the cover will be included in the *City Hall Directory*. By submitting images, your city agrees that the League has permission to use them in a variety of formats and capacities.

Technical specifications

Photos must be high resolution — a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 5 x 7 inches or larger size — and in color. Attach each photo as a separate jpg. Caption information must be included in the text of the email. *Please do not embed the caption in the image.*

Send your photos, captions and a brief description of your city hall to leagueofcities@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 is the deadline to submit images.

If you have questions, please contact Eva Spiegel at (916) 658-8228.

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$10,336,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Marygold Gardens Apartments in Fontana.

About Marygold Gardens Apartments

Marygold Gardens Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 79 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Marygold Associates II, LP. The project sponsor is Intercontinental Affordable Housing, Inc. (IAHI). Marygold Gardens will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Fontana.

CSCDA and IAHI partnered with Jones, Lang LaSalle Multifamily to provide tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Marygold Gardens. The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Marygold Gardens will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities[®] and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

California Cultural Districts Program Accepting Applications for Pilot

March 31 Application Deadline

Cities are eligible to apply for the new [California Cultural Districts](#) pilot program. Created by the Legislature through AB 189 (2015), the program will designate state cultural districts. A cultural district is generally understood as a well-defined geographic area with a high concentration of cultural resources and activities.

The cultural district certification process, managed by the California Arts Council, will be the core of the California Cultural Districts program. In implementing the certification of cultural districts in California, the California Arts Council will take actions reflective of its [Statement of Values](#).

The program will begin with a two-year pilot designed for the small representative cohort help shape the final certification process and related benefits and services. This initial group will be selected through an open application process.

The application and review process will have three steps, including an open call for initial letters of intent, site visits for semi-finalists, and an invited finalist application.

Please contact [Caitlin Fitzwater](#) with questions.

Tech Grants Available to Cities

March 15 is the Deadline to Apply

State and local government agencies can apply for funds to support innovative technology projects, including equipment purchase, via the [DRAM Settlement Fund](#).

Details

As a result of a computer industry lawsuit settled by the California [Attorney General](#), approximately \$943,000 in [two funds](#) will be awarded to state and local public agencies, in one-time grants ranging from around \$50,000 to \$200,000 and one to two years in duration.

Projects that will utilize innovative technology or software to improve and modernize operational capabilities of state, local or municipal government will be considered. Examples include (but are not limited to) strengthening access to computers and electronic content for rural libraries; increasing access to and use of broadband by local business or workforce; creating community mapping products and services; or implementing an online citizen forum to engage local populations in infrastructure improvements or crime prevention.

Important Dates

Proposals are due March 15.

An informational webinar has been scheduled for Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. [Register](#) for the webinar online. A recording of the webinar will be available [online](#) after the event.

Additional Information

The grant process will be administered by Harry M. Snyder, Consumer Attorney, [Cy Pres Funds](#).

Please contact [Laurie True](#) with DRAM Settlement Administration with questions or to be placed on the email list for updates.
