



Valley Voice

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San Gabriel Valley Tiny Home Project Updates

Last week, San Gabriel Valley's first Tiny Home Village officially opened in Baldwin Park. The 25-unit site, known as "Esperanza Villa," serves as the first Tiny Home site in the San Gabriel Valley. Each resident will gain the safety and stability that comes with having a roof over their head while being connected to permanent housing. Additionally, the Montebello City Council recently approved "Operation Stay Safe," another Tiny Home pilot project, to be implemented in Montebello. These Tiny Home projects aim to meet the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness in the community.

The Tiny Home sites include shelter units, restrooms, showers, laundry, case management offices, pet area, 24/7 security services, and meal services. On-site social and supportive housing services will be provided by trained and professional staff, including social workers, mental health specialists, case managers, housing navigators, site coordinators, legal services, employment services, faith-based services, and more.

Site preparation for the Montebello Tiny Home project has already begun, with an anticipated opening date of March 2022. Additional information regarding the Tiny Home projects can be found on <https://www.sgvrrht.org/tinyhomes>.



SGVCOG to Receive RMC Wildfire Prevention Grant Award

On November 15th, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board of Directors voted to approve \$227,934.00 for the SGVCOG to implement an 18-month wildfire adaptation and prevention outreach program in the San Gabriel Valley. With the goal of providing wildfire prevention and adaptation public outreach and education activities for cities and communities located in high fire severity zones in the SGVCOG's jurisdiction, this program will support the sharing of important educational topics such as defensible space, evacuation planning, structure hardening, and wildfire action planning.

Outreach strategies include the implementation of workshops, community pop-up events, online webinars, forums, social media marketing campaigns, and webpage development. The program is anticipated to begin February 2022, with a completion date of August 2023.



SGVCOG to Partner with County of Los Angeles to Launch Alternative Mobile Crisis Response Program

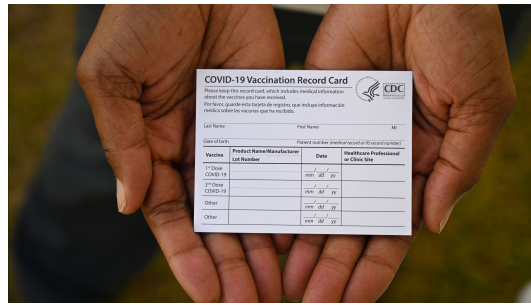
The SGVCOG is partnering with Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to launch an Alternative Mobile Crisis Response Program in early 2022. The Program will be launched in phases, with 2 to 3 cities joining the initial pilot phase. This Program will eventually launch in partnership with cities that have previously expressed interest in participating. An RFP to solicit service providers will be released in the coming weeks.

Alternative mobile crisis response programs are intended to be additional tools for dispatchers to respond to non-violent calls for service, complementing police departments, fire departments, and ambulance first responders. Being able to provide an alternative mobile response to calls for mental health emergencies, substance abuse, and calls for homelessness services will help build trust and improve outcomes in the community.

COVID-19 Prevention Recommendations from the CDC and Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health

All individuals 5 years and older are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated. CDC encourages a COVID-19

vaccine booster for those who are eligible.



All individuals in Los Angeles County 2 years and older **must** wear a mask in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, public and private businesses, and outdoor mega events.

As the COVID-19 Omicron variant spreads, individuals should continue to **avoid** crowded locations and poorly ventilated spaces. These locations increase risks for COVID-19 infections.



Individuals should continue to wash hands with soap and water for 20-30 seconds, especially after being in public spaces. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

News-in-Brief



[City of Monterey Park Launches Reward App](#)

The City of Monterey Park



[CalRecycle Launches Food Recovery Grant](#)

The California Department of



[ATP Cycle 6 Guideline Development](#)

California Transportation

launched Monterey Park Rewards last month to reward residents and visitors with points that can be used for shopping and dining at local businesses in the city. Each point equals to \$1, funded by the City and can be easily redeemed at local participating businesses. The app provides participating businesses a platform to publish, market, and communicate directly with local residents and visitors. To learn more and download the app, please visit [here](#).

Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) launched a grant program to provide opportunities for the support of new and expanded edible food recovery and food waste prevention projects. Projects must reduce the amount of food being disposed in landfills. Local governments, nonprofits, school districts, and solid waste facilities are eligible to apply. Applications are due on December 16, 2021. Additional information regarding the grant can be found [here](#).

Commission (CTC) is currently developing draft guidelines and applications for its 6th cycle of Active Transportation Program (ATP) awards. The ATP was created by SB 99 to fund projects that can encourage increased use of active modes of transportation. CTC staff are holding workshops from December through February to solicit input and comments. It is anticipated that the CTC will adopt the Cycle 6 guidelines in March 2022. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Dec. Committee Meeting Schedule

Please be advised that all Board and committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The livestreams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings can be found [here](#).

City Managers' Steering Committee: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Executive Committee: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Homelessness Committee: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:00 AM

SGVRHT Board of Directors: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Transportation Committee: Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Water Committee: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

EENR Committee: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Governing Board: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM

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