

MEDIA RELEASE

COUNTY AND CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RECEIVES 2020 AUDREY NELSON AWARD

Covina Senior and Community Center Receives National Recognition

Alhambra, CA, January 31, 2020 – The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), in partnership with the City of Covina, is proud to announce that the National Community Development Association (NCDA) has selected the Covina Senior and Community Center project as a winner of the 2020 Audrey Nelson Achievement Award. The award, which recognizes outstanding community development projects and programs across the country, was created 33 years ago in honor of NCDA's first Deputy Executive Secretary, Audrey Nelson.



Completed in July 2019, the new Covina Senior and Community Center is dedicated to enriching the lives of seniors through a variety of services such as nutrition, health information, recreation classes, life-long-learning opportunities, and special events. NCDA recognized the Covina Senior and Community Center project, which held its ribbon cutting on July 31, 2019, for the measurable impact in meeting the needs and improving the quality of life for seniors and residents of the City of Covina.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by NCDA for our partnership with the City of Covina to finance and deliver this project. We are committed to developing and implementing programs that further our mission of *Building Better Lives and Better Neighborhoods* – and the Covina Senior and Community Center project exemplifies our mission,” said Emilio Salas, LACDA Acting Executive Director.

The City of Covina’s project was a response to clear and compelling community needs. Using layered funding sources including \$789,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$2.5 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program funds, \$1.9 million in Los Angeles County Parks grant funds, and \$3.3 million in City bonds funds, the City was able to reduce its impact on its General Fund.

“To make this project happen in a City with no available general funds, a lot of collaboration and partnership had to occur. The City of Covina would like to thank the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the County of Los Angeles for their partnership in making the new Covina Senior and Community Center a reality,” said Chris Marcarello, Interim City Manager of the City of Covina.



NCDA recognized recipients of the 2020 Audrey Nelson Award during the NCDA Winter Conference in Washington D.C., on January 31.

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