



Farmworker Housing Tools and Resources

The tools and resources below are designed to encourage the production of farmworker housing. This project was funded through a Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant, led by ABAG, and informed by local jurisdiction input from a working group and survey. These templates are designed for local jurisdictions to adapt based on their specific community needs and context.

1. Template Zoning Ordinance

This is a template ordinance that streamlines the permitting process for agricultural employee housing.

How to use: Update the highlighted/italicized text to customize the template to your jurisdiction.

2. Agricultural Employee Housing Development Process Roadmap & Training Presentation

This is an illustrative roadmap that outlines the process to develop farmworker housing. This can be used as a training presentation or resource to educate property owners that may not be familiar with the nuances of farmworker housing but are interested in development.

How to use: Update the highlighted/italicized text to customize the template to your jurisdiction.

3. Accessory Dwelling Unit Forgivable Loan Program Template Documents

This is a program summary for a forgivable loan program to construct affordable accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Jurisdictions can provide incentives or a farmworker matching program to encourage property owners to rent out the ADUs to farmworker. This resource includes summary program guidelines as well as sample loan documents that are needed to implement this program.

How to use: Read through the document to learn about program guidelines. If your jurisdiction is interested in more detailed information, click through the links in the deliverable to see examples of program documents from an existing program.

4. City-County Partnerships Case Study Examples

This resource outlines examples of City-County partnerships to develop farmworker housing, particularly in the unincorporated area, and illustrates how responsibilities are shared among City, County and the developer and how incentives are aligned to overcome common barriers.

How to use: Learn about case studies on successful City-County partnerships and understand the specific roles and responsibilities required for each negotiating party.