

From: [Ryan O'Connell](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Public comment on item #13 - technical difficulties
Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:21:22 PM

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Hello,

I was not able to unmute myself in the Board Meeting today

I was planning on saying:

I'm Ryan O'Connell, ADU advocate in new media, Napa resident
Commenting on item 13 ADU grant program

Please be thoughtful about exactly how you pause the ADU Grant Program if at all

So that you don't leave several thousand homeowners **in limbo** -

A complete pause will have a negative impact on their projects, as well as this program and CalHFA's reputation

I personally support funding the grant immediately as statute allows, while convening the working group **in parallel** to explore how to disburse the next budgeted allocation.

But if you are to adopt a pause while convening the working group, I would encourage you to continue taking applications and create a waiting list that you report on during these meetings.

This is my recommendation for all the reasons you'll find in the public comment you've received - thousands of means tested homeowners are planning to use this grant money for its intended purpose of producing more housing in California.

On the other hand, a pause would actually be very harmful in some ways. It will increase marketing and administration costs, and I anticipate that it will harm thousands of homeowners.

Right now, if you just pause grant awards completely, with the idea that the working group meets in January and you choose how to allocate funds sometime in the months after that,

several thousand homeowners will likely put their projects on hold while waiting for news about the grant.

This creates two potential outcomes:

1.

If you do not fund the grant, 100% of those thousands of homeowners will have delayed production only to find out there is no grant money available to them. They will not be happy. Any change in interest rates, construction costs, or material costs that go the wrong way for them will be something they blame CalHFA for (perhaps incorrectly, but that's life).

2.

If you DO fund the grant, only 1250 applicants will qualify for \$40,000! You'll have many thousands in the queue by February.

In either case, you have more unhappy stakeholders than happy clients.

Based on the only periods where we've had uninterrupted applications from HPPCARES, I'd assume a run rate of something close to 1000 applicants per month.

Chair's question how much we could accommodate - back of the envelope - 1k grants a month easily would lead to \$480 Million –

Cheers,

Ryan

From: [Jeff Barlow](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 1:49:55 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference between my family being able to build an ADU, or not building an ADU at all. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out and that we will not receive an award that we were depending on to build an ADU.

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Regards,

Jeffrey Barlow
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From: [Angela Harder](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 5:18:25 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a Northern California resident (Arcata, CA) giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

I will point out to bay with the recent transition of Humboldt State University to Cal Poly Humboldt, housing is more impacted than ever in and around Arcata.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference between my family being able to build an ADU, or not building an ADU at all. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out and that I will not receive an award that I was depending on to build an ADU.

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Thank you,
Angela Harder

From: [David Barajas](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Cc: ryan@how-to-adu.com
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:02:28 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident and homeowner with 1 kid and aging parents giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

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I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Thanks,

David Barajas
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From: [Jason Kilroy](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference between my family being able to build an ADU, or not building an ADU at all. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out and that I will not receive an award that I was depending on to build an ADU.

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Jason Kilroy
Homeowner
8141 Fairview Ave. La Mesa, CA 91941

From: [VDLR Developers, LLC.](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 3:19:12 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference between my family being able to build an ADU, or not building an ADU at all. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out and that I will not receive an award that I was depending on to build an ADU.

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Sincerely,
Eriverto Espinoza

From: [Gurbir Sidhu](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Cc: [Ryan](#)
Subject: [External] - public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 2:06:24 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference for my budget. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out as I am already in the middle of building an ADU.

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Regards,

Gurbir Sidhu

Sent from my iPhone

From: [HORIE MIYA](#)
To: [feedback](#)
Subject: [External] - Board Meeting Public Comment on Agenda Item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit Program
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:53:39 PM

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To the CalHFA Board,

I'm a California resident giving public comment on agenda item #13 - Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit program.

The \$40,000 ADU grant makes a big impact on an individual project. It could make the difference between my family being able to build an ADU, or not building an ADU at all. I'm excited that it is available, but I'm worried that the grant will run out and that I will not receive an award that I was depending on to build an ADU.

Please don't delay the funding with a complicated working group process. Families need quick access to this money as soon as possible, and the current program meets all of the state's requirements!

I'm glad that CalHFA has successfully deployed so much grant money. Now I just hope that there will still be enough funding for me to access the grant. If you have opportunities to further fund the ADU Grant Program, I support that decision.

Best regards,

Miyako Horie

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