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## **Compton Community College District Applies for State Grant to Construct Student Housing**

On October 30, 2021, the Compton Community College District submitted an application and supporting documentation to the California Department of Finance for a student housing grant. The California State Legislature passed [Senate Bill 169 - Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill](#) on September 23, 2021, which establishes a program of one-time grants for the construction of student housing.

“Receiving this grant would be a dream come true by providing a crucial resource for Compton College students, many of whom face housing insecurity,” said Sonia Lopez, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees president. “The Board has supported Compton College President/CEO Keith Curry’s ongoing vision of on-campus student housing. For the last several years, Dr. Curry has tirelessly advocated and lobbied at our state capital for assistance with basic needs for community college students.”

The proposed Compton College student housing will be located at the northeast corner of campus. The approximately 135,350-square-foot building will include three or four floors of student living quarters with about half of the capacity earmarked for low-income students. The long-term goal for this project includes 450 beds with about 120 double room units, 80 double suite units, and 50 studio units. Those with dependents will be accommodated by combining a studio unit with shared rooms. Amenity spaces will include approximately 38 study areas/lounges, 30 shared kitchens, and 18 shared bathrooms for the double rooms. In addition to capacity details, the project’s proposed construction plan outlines costs and related fees in the amount of \$77,258,433.

“I have supported Dr. Keith Curry’s visionary model to bring student housing to the Compton Community College District for more than four years, so the announcement that it has submitted an official proposal for funding is a dream that has come to fruition,” said Assemblymember Mike Gipson (D-Carson). “I voted for the budget trailer bill that made this funding possible and have been an advocate for community colleges as a state legislator since 2014. Not only will Compton College’s pre-fab housing model help address housing and food insecurity in the 64<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, but community colleges statewide can also use this same model to address the state’s most pressing challenges.”

The next step in the grant approval process includes the state's Department of Finance forwarding projects that meet the [selection criteria](#) to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by March 1, 2022. Funds for proposals submitted in the initial filing round are estimated to be available sometime between March and July of 2022, but this estimate is subject to change.

“I commend Compton College for prioritizing student housing through this California community college Student Housing Grant proposal,” said Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena). “Affordable housing is a necessity for every college student’s success, yet over half of all students at Compton College have reported experiencing housing insecurity. It is critical that we assist and support the students at Compton College by continuing to provide an affordable, quality higher education experience. This grant will provide Compton College with the tools necessary to fulfill students’ basic needs and ensure their academic success.”

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### **About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.