The Department of Housing supports safe, decent, and affordable housing, in healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, for those who live and work in San Mateo County.

The Department of Housing, in partnership with federal and state governments, local municipalities, developers and service providers, serves as a catalyst for increasing access to affordable rental housing, increasing the supply of workforce housing, and supporting related community development so that homes exist for people of all ages and income levels in our County.

The Department of Housing consists of two divisions which administer a wide variety of housing programs:

**Housing & Community Development (HCD)** of the Department of Housing assists extremely low income to moderate income residents in stabilizing and improving their quality of life through financing and community development. HCD provides low interest loans for first-time home purchases and home rehabilitation, as well as development funding and technical assistance to non-profit, public and private organizations to build affordable housing and provide important services.

**Housing Authority (HA)** of the County of San Mateo (HACSM) assists low income residents through rental assistance and self-sufficiency support services. HA provides Housing Vouchers for families, which subsidize their cost for rental units in the private market, and Project-Based Vouchers, which reserve a certain number of subsidized units throughout the County. HA also manages three affordable housing sites and partners with other service providers to offer supportive services to individuals and families with special needs, including seniors, the developmentally disabled, the chronically ill, and the formerly homeless.

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