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Caption: Historically-designated North Hollywood Garden Apartments complex will be adding newly constructed units to provide temporary housing for families in need. (Photo: VOALA)

Helping solve Los Angeles County’s homeless crisis one family at a time VOALA to offer additional housing and other improvements to the North Hollywood Garden Apartments complex

APRIL 2023— Earlier this year, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a [local emergency for homelessness](#) and aligned efforts with organizations such as [Volunteers of America Los Angeles](#) (VOALA) to provide solutions to provide people with interim housing and ultimately, assist them with finding a permanent place to live.

VOALA is well-prepared to answer the call for help. For over a century, VOALA has provided services and programs to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless so they can rebuild their lives.

“Today, the lack of affordable housing in Los Angeles and around the country is the primary reason families, may lose their housing,” said Bob Pratt, VOALA president. “Families with lower incomes or who are facing sudden job loss are especially vulnerable.”

This summer, VOALA will begin the development of additional units at the North Hollywood Garden Apartments, 6724 Tujunga Avenue. The complex spans a multi-block site bounded by Tujunga Avenue to the west, Kittridge to the south, the alley east of Klump on the east, and the alley south of Vanowen on the north.

Construction tentatively begins sometime in June.

The project will add 49 new one- and two-bedroom housing units that will be built along the alleyways of the complex to preserve the site’s historic designation. These new units will be prioritized for families whose life circumstances have left them without a place to live.

VOALA will oversee and provide comprehensive supportive services to these families in need to help them get back on their feet and move into permanent housing.

The project includes upgrades in utilities, parking, and landscaping for the new units. Existing buildings will remain as is.

Mature trees on the frontage streets will not be impacted. Construction will be done in phases to minimize disruptions to current residents and adjacent properties.

Historic designation

VOALA's North Hollywood Garden Apartments were historically known as North Hollywood Manor, which was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, and as a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument.

The complex was designed by Heth Wharton and Ralph Vaughn in a Minimal Traditional style and constructed between 1949 and 1950. Vaughn was an African American draftsman and movie set designer who received his architectural license after the completion of North Hollywood Manor. Wharton was listed as the project architect and Vaughn as the stylist; this team was responsible for two other designated garden apartment complexes from the same period, Lincoln Place and Chase Knolls Garden Apartments.

The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible, but not identical with the historic materials, features, size, scale, proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

For more information and project updates, visit voala.org/nohouupdates.

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