Novato OKs model for helping homeless

O V A T O C I T Y C O U N C I L M E M B E R R E C H A M B L E R predicts that Oma Village will be "a shining star" and a "model for the kinds of mixed-income, mixed-use, community-based housing" that needy families can call home. The councilman said, "It is one more tool for Homeward Bound to help those who have been left behind."

The Novato City Council finalized plans to transform a derelict office space on Highway 101 into the Oma Village complex, which will be the first permanent housing development planned by Homeward Bound since its founding 20 years ago.

"This is something that’s been on the wish list of Novato residents," said council member Cameron旄。 "It is something that we have talked about and dreamed of for many years. It is something that we have worked toward and fought for." 

While the council’s approval of the Oma Village project is a major milestone for Homeward Bound, the organization’s executive director, Katie Rice, says that the work is far from over.

"We are just getting started," Rice said. "There is still so much more to do." 

Rice said that the Oma Village development will be a "shining star" for Homeward Bound, which has served the needs of homeless individuals and families in Marin County for more than 20 years.

"We are excited to be able to help people find housing that they can afford," Rice said. "We are committed to helping people get the support they need to succeed and thrive in their communities." 

The Oma Village development is expected to open in late 2016, and will include 14 one-bedroom units and one studio apartment. The units will be available to people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide this much-needed housing for those who need it," Rice said. "We are committed to making sure that everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home." 

The Oma Village development is the latest in a series of projects that Homeward Bound has undertaken to address the housing crisis in Marin County.

"We are proud of the progress we have made," Rice said. "We are committed to continuing our work to help those who are struggling to find housing." 

The Oma Village development is one of many projects that Homeward Bound is involved in, including the development of the Homeward Bound Family Fund, which provides financial assistance to families in need.

"We are committed to helping families and individuals get the support they need to succeed and thrive," Rice said. "We are dedicated to making sure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a safe and affordable home." 

The Oma Village development is expected to be completed by the end of 2016, and will be a major step forward in the efforts of Homeward Bound to address the housing crisis in Marin County.