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TOKA HOMES III

Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association

The TOKA Homes III project helps to alleviate the dire housing crisis that exists on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Existing units are overcrowded because the demand for affordable housing presently exceeds the current supply. Through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, TOKA leveraged the funds that it could contribute, at more than \$1,082,000, into \$8.7 million more in equity, resulting in more units constructed at a higher level of quality and efficiency.

The 38 new construction units in TOKA Homes III include one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units in a mix of townhomes and single-family homes. The units are between 700 and 1,600 square feet. Construction began in January 2018 and the project will be 100% complete in August 2019. Rents are expected to average between \$235 and \$325 a month, plus utilities, and will target households with incomes of up to 40%, 50% and 60% of Area Median Household Income.

The TOKA Homes III project consists of energy-efficient, resource-conserving homes and the units incorporate culturally significant design features in the "Colonial Barrio" style. This design style is important to the Tohono O'odham people because of the close proximity the project has to the historic San Xavier Spanish Mission.

TOKA has succeeded in providing the lowest-income residents with new, culturally significant homes and is a beacon of hope to the hundreds of tribal members in need of housing, and a model for other tribes.

