

Together We Can Do More

BAY AREA ORGANIZING + PREDEVELOPMENT FOR INCLUSIVE HOUSING

Over 55,000 individuals in the Bay Area with developmental disabilities worry daily about housing. It's a national crisis that most are unaware of, receiving little public funding or community attention. Individuals are priced out of *both* affordable and market rate housing. The need only grows as the number people with disabilities increases and housing becomes more expensive.

Three years of research, site-visits, interviews, and focus groups allowed The Kelsey to determine that the best solution to the disability housing crisis is mixed ability, mixed income housing. This approach creates housing that is inclusive of and affordable for people with disabilities in supportive communities. It also means projects are more financially sustainable and increase inclusion, diversity, and engagement in communities.

Now we're ready to develop those kind of inclusive communities and define exactly what partners, resources, policy needs, funding sources, and strategies need to be deployed to create them.

To do so, The Kelsey received a grant from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to build regional teams of stakeholders to collaborate around inclusive community development in the Bay Area. Recognizing that the disability housing crisis will not be solved by one organization or one sector alone, the project will convene teams of cross-sector partners together to harness existing resources in the Bay Area and direct them towards a shared solution.

At the completion of the project The Kelsey aims to identify ways diverse partners can collaboratively build new solutions in inclusive mixed ability, mixed income housing and what specific policy needs, funding mechanisms, and community development strategies are needed to support these efforts. We'll also have at least one site in one of the three regions ready to move forward on development.

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THE KELSEY

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The Kelsey's mission is to create thriving, inclusive housing where individuals of all abilities and backgrounds live, play, and serve their communities together and partner with organizations and entities who seek to do the same.

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Quick Facts

Over 78% of the 55,000 people with developmental disabilities in our community live in unstable housing.

For a person who relies on SSI for income, including most people with disabilities, they'd have to pay between 138%-271% of their *entire* income to afford housing the the Bay Area.

55% of all fair housing complaints are disability related, more than any other minority group.

'Together We Can Do More' Goals

1. **Build awareness** among stakeholders of the issue of disability housing and the cross-sector solutions they can engage to address it.
2. Solicit input on what challenges or barriers stakeholders have in encountered in this kind of work and **identify the strategies, resources, or policy changes that must be utilized** to overcome them.
3. Get **actionable commitments** from stakeholders to work on inclusive housing, either with The Kelsey or independently in the future.
4. Have at least **one inclusive housing project** ready to move forward in site acquisition and development in 2019.

Click here for our existing research on disability housing for the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies.