

# FAQs for Sunflower Hill Communities

**1. How many communities are there and what is the location of each community?**

A. Two communities are in planning/development: one in Livermore on First Street across from Lowe's and Safeway and one in Pleasanton at First Street and Nevada, near downtown. For Sunflower Hill – Livermore, we are working with partner MidPen Housing on funding sources and final design options. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, located within The Homestead subdivision by Meritage, is slated to begin construction in late February 2019. SFH's partner on Irby Ranch is Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)

**2. How many units are there in each community?**

A. Sunflower Hill – Livermore is currently designed for 44 individuals with developmental disabilities. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch is designed for 36 individuals with developmental disabilities.

**3. Is there an age limit for living in the community?**

A. The residences are appropriate for individuals aged 18 and over. There is no upper age limit. They are designed for life-long residency, so it will be a mix of ages within the community.

**4. How do I sign up for my family member or friend to live in the communities when they are completed?**

A. SFH partners will create an application process approximately six-nine months before the projected move-in date. Sunflower Hill will send an email to all parties on our interest list, but we also recommend that you sign up for our newsletter as that will also contain information about status of the projects. Regular communication and meetings to discuss community progress and status will also occur.

**5. What is the estimated completion date for the communities for construction and when will they be ready to move in?**

A. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch estimated move in date is March 2020. We do not have an estimated move in date for Sunflower Hill Livermore as of August 2018.

**6. How do I find information regarding status and updates?**

A. Periodic email updates as community milestones are reached will be communicated via the SFH webpage, in the monthly newsletter and to all individuals on the housing interest list.

**7. How will the tenant selection process work?**

A. Both communities are designed for individuals with developmental disabilities with incomes at 20 to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Beyond those initial thresholds, additional criteria will be identified. Both communities

will follow Federal guidelines for affordable housing. SFH is not part of the selection or decision-making process in the resident selection.

**8. Will the individual units (bedroom, kitchen, dining and living areas inside the apartment) be furnished or should I plan that if I get selected as a tenant that I need to provide my own furniture?**

A. As with any typical apartment that might be rented, each tenant will need to provide their own furnishings.

**9. Can I have friends and family come to visit me in my apartment in the community if I am a tenant?**

A. Yes. Friends and family are welcomed and encouraged to visit you at your home as you are living independently just like in a typical apartment complex.

**10. If I am tenant, can I go on vacation or spend time away with my family or friends?**

A. Yes. Living here will be exactly like renting an apartment.

**11. What kind of support will be available at the communities for tenants?**

A. An on-call property manager provided by our affordable housing partners will live on site at each property. At SFH at Irby Ranch, a SFH staff member will also have an apartment within the community. Individual assistance for residents would be based on the specific needs of that resident and would be coordinated directly with the Regional Center. Typically, residents might have both supportive or independent living (ILS/SLS) assistance as well as In Home Support Services (IHSS) services through the County.

**12. Will I need to be able to cook to live in one of the communities?**

A. The Pleasanton community has a commercial kitchen and will offer a meal service, similar to a college dorm experience, where breakfast and dinner might be offered. This is a voluntary option - at an additional expense to the resident. While Livermore will not have a commercial kitchen, we are working on how to partner with an agency that can offer a meal service similar to Pleasanton. However, residents may also choose to cook all their own meals in their own apartment, if desired.

**13. Can I have a bike that I keep at the community if I am a tenant?**

A. Yes you can have a bike. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch currently has a bike room planned. We are still working on the design details for Sunflower Hill – Livermore.

**14. Will there be planned activities at the communities for me to have fun with my friends in the community?**

A. Yes. We are currently developing these ideas and will have a great plan of which activities to offer, based on the interests of the future residents.

**15. Will there be places for me to hang out with my friends and have fun?**

A. Yes, there are common areas in each community with fitness rooms, craft rooms, game rooms, an outdoor sports court and outdoor seating areas. Lots of areas to hang out with friends!

**16. Will there be laundry facilities for me to use at the community?**

A. Yes. There are laundry facilities at each community.