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State's \$5 million award helps clear final hurdle for residents of northeast Fresno's La Hacienda mobile home park

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Years of back-and-forth struggles between the residents of a local mobile home park and its property owner seem to be over following a financial award from the state.

California housing officials awarded the City of Fresno about \$5 million on Thursday toward the acquisition and preservation of La Hacienda mobile home park. The money comes as part of a new mental health and housing initiative, and ends years of legal battles between the park's owners and tenants.

"This project is a lifeline for a community that has long been overlooked," said Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer in a news release Thursday. "By preserving La Hacienda, we're preventing displacement, expanding affordable housing in Fresno, and restoring stability for families and individuals who deserve the chance to prosper. With on-site services, dedicated Veteran support, and long-term affordability, this partnership is a powerful example of what we can achieve when we invest in people, not just property."

The funding is from a pot of \$251.8 million the state disbursed Thursday as part of their Homekey+ program — a California initiative that grants awards to cities and counties to develop housing for veterans, individuals with mental health disorders, and the chronically homeless. The state said the money will go toward funding 720 affordable homes in 12 counties.

The program received a funding allocation of \$2.2 billion following the passage of Proposition 1 last year.