

April 2025 Monthly Update Newsletter

Thank you for your interest in learning more about the Ashland School District housing initiative. Sunstone Housing Collaborative is in the role of project management, community liaison and most importantly ASD advocate. Our goal is to facilitate and support partnerships that will bring new housing to Ashland that is affordable and accessible, providing stability and comfort to school staff, families with children and other income qualified households.

Progress

Ashland School District and developer Edlen & Co. are undergoing negotiations for the approval of an ENA (Exclusive Negotiating Agreement). The purpose of the ENA is to define terms and expectations for the pre-development phase and determining feasibility of the project. The ENA does not include land disposition. That is a process which will occur once both parties agree upon project viability based on due diligence outlined in the agreement. Approval of the ENA will occur in public forum at an ASD board meeting, date pending.

A word on optimism in challenging circumstances:

Despite the uncertainties surrounding federal funding, as well as cultural and policy shifts, the Ashland Attainable Housing Project continues to move forward with purpose and determination. Our shared vision remains clear: to create stable, inclusive housing that serves educators, families, and income-qualified households in our community.

We know the road isn't without its challenges, but we also know that progress is possible through strong partnerships and shared values. The positive feedback we've received from leaders in the nonprofit and affordable housing sectors affirms both the importance and the promise of this effort.

Community collaboration is our greatest asset—and together, we are building something that reflects Ashland's care, creativity, and commitment to opportunity for all.

Announcements

- Stay tuned for upcoming community-led design events focusing on elements of accessibility, family friendly spaces and community integration.
- For more information as the pre development process continues, feel free to visit the FAQ and News pages on Sunstone's website for detailed updates.

