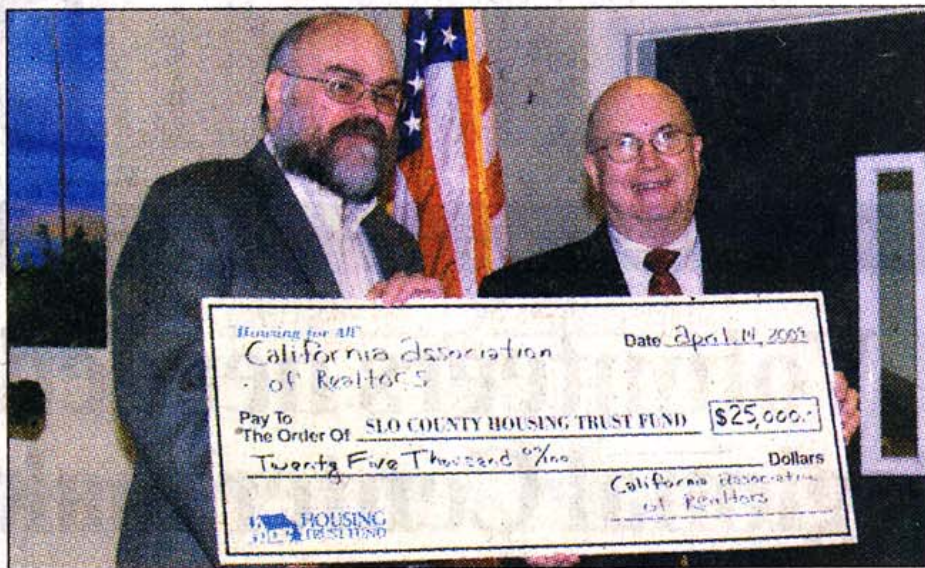


SHARING GOAL: For affordable homes



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Jerry Rioux, executive director of the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund, left, receives a \$25,000 check from Ron Burkhart, president of the San Luis Obispo Association of Realtors.

Housing Trust Fund gets \$25,000 donation

By TPR Staff

The San Luis Obispo Association of Realtors recently presented a \$25,000 check to the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund.

The contribution from California Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Fund and will be used exclusively to finance affordable housing projects in San Luis Obispo County, a trust fund spokesman said.

"We are honored to present this \$25,000 check to the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund as a sign of our ongoing support," said Ron Burkhart, president of the San Luis Obispo Association of Realtors.

"Realtors share the Housing Trust Fund's goal that all residents of San Luis Obispo County have a decent home that they can afford to rent or buy."

Jerry Rioux, Housing Trust Fund executive director, said the San Luis Obispo Association has been a "strong and consistent partner."

"The association and its many members help us to address the housing affordability crisis in San Luis Obispo," Rioux said.

The contribution marks the second time the San Luis Obispo

Association of Realtors sponsored a Housing Affordability Fund application for the Housing Trust Fund.

In 2006, the association secured a \$100,000 grant, and the current award makes the association the Housing Trust Fund's second-most-generous contributor, Rioux said.

The nonprofit Housing Trust Fund was created in 2003 to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout San Luis Obispo County.

The fund provides financing and technical assistance to help private developers, nonprofit agencies and local governments produce, preserve and improve homes that working families, seniors on fixed incomes and people with disabilities can afford to rent or buy.

The statewide Housing Affordability Fund supports various activities that promote and create affordable housing, raising funds through various local and statewide events held by real estate agents.

It also receives contributions from individual real estate agents and others in the industry.

For information on the Housing Trust Fund, visit www.slocthf.org. For more information on the Housing Affordability Fund, visit www.carhaf.org.