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## CDFA Project Response Team Consults with City of Fresno and St. Rest Church Leadership

### —CDFA Brownfields Technical Assistance Program—

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) staff and technical assistance providers traveled to Fresno, California to provide financing suggestions for the Saint Rest Baptist Church (St. Rest) campus along the Elm Avenue Corridor in Southwest Fresno. Among desired campus amenities are green space, recreational facilities for youth, and housing for seniors within the community. The team also consulted with the City of Fresno to provide financing strategies for redevelopment of other sites throughout the Elm Avenue corridor.

“As a property owner and community leader, St. Rest has the potential to be a catalyst for change within Southwest Fresno. We are very pleased to provide these financing strategies to St. Rest and to the City of Fresno in support of redevelopment along the Elm Avenue Corridor,” said Emily Moser, Program Manager for CDFA’s Brownfields Technical Assistance Program.

“CDFA exceeded my expectations,” city planner Drew Wilson remarked. “The interest and attention given to the project was inspiring. The Project Response Team were active listeners, engaged problem solvers, and motivated to create change as if Fresno was their home. Most residents who visit the project area see dire conditions, but the Project Response Team saw the gem it will one day be. The insights and ideas proved them to be industry experts. The final product will provide great assistance for the community for years to come.”

Project Response Team site visits are available through CDFA’s Brownfields Technical Assistance Program, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Communities interested in being considered for a Project Response Team site visit must first participate in the [CDFA Brownfields Project Marketplace](#).

View the full [St. Rest & Elm Avenue Roadmap to Redevelopment](#) report online.

The **CDFA Brownfields Technical Assistance Program** is funded by a grant from the U.S. EPA to provide assistance to communities throughout the country that are looking to finance the redevelopment of brownfield sites. CDFA will provide education, resources, research and networking on revolving loan funds, tax incentives, tax increment finance and other tools available for redevelopment finance. For more information, read the [Program Fact Sheet](#).

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