

Low-incoming housing project in Watsonville

WATSONVILLE — A 70-unit low-income housing project, called the Tierra Madonna Homes, has been completed in Watsonville.

It may be one of the last of its kind, according to the county Housing Authority, which owns and operates the project.

Financing for the \$5.4 million project was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's low-rent public housing program. This program is slated to be dropped in the proposed Reagan administration budget.

Tierra Madonna has 36 three-bedroom rental units, 25 two-bedroom, four four-bedroom and five handicapped one-bedroom access units. They're located at Clifford and Montebello avenues in Watsonville.

Tenants have been selected by the Housing Authority on the basis of need. Families pay no more than 30 percent of their gross annual income for rent, with the average rent running around \$160.

Some families have moved into the completed dwellings, and 16 others are on a waiting list to move in as soon as the finishing touches are put on their apartments.