

NMTC ADVISORY

HELMS COMMUNITY CENTER



Project Elements

10,500 Sq. Ft. Community
Facility/Recreational
\$9,400,000 NMTC Allocation

Engaged: February 2012
NMTC Loan Close: December 2012
San Pablo, CA

The City of San Pablo (“City”) recently completed the new Helms Community Center (“Project”) located on the campus of the recently renovated and completed Walter T. Helms Middle School, 2500 Road 20 in San Pablo, California. The City entered into a ground lease agreement with the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) for a 20,000 square foot plot of land that sits between the Middle School and the track and sports fields. Through the partnership established with the School District and the desire not to duplicate services, the Helms Steering Community, the City, and Noll & Tam Architects and Planners developed a building that will meet the needs of both the school population and the San Pablo community at large.

The Community Center is 10,500 square feet and includes a large multi-purpose space with WiFi and a kitchen (for catering or cooking classes), two smaller meeting/class rooms, a teen lounge with a music recording room, a computer room with 20 computers, and a fitness room.

The team was selected by the City in February 2012 to secure NMTC financing. In March 2012, the financing team secured all the required allocation from New Markets Community Capital, LLC, a Community Development Entity with extensive NMTC financing experience. The financing team has worked closely with the City throughout the loan documentation process with the facility opening in June of 2014.