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CARVER COUNTY BOARD APPROVES FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS

CHASKA, MINN. — The Carver County Community Development Agency recently updated the County Board of Commissioners regarding ongoing and upcoming housing projects and received a commitment from the Board to allocate some Federal funds towards those projects.

“The CDA is excited to partner with Carver County to help leverage pandemic relief funds to address the needs of Carver County residents,” Julie Frick, Executive Director for the CDA, said.

“The need for these housing projects is real,” John P. Fahey, County Commissioner of District 5, said. He represents many of the western communities included in these projects and serves as the Board’s liaison to the County’s Community Development Agency. “To see these projects serving many of our communities across the County is also important. This is an example of how we continue to push the ball forward in this area.”

The CDA received preliminary Board approval to use American Rescue Plan Act funding to assist in funding of three new projects. Using these funds helps at the State level with the project selection process, while lowering the debt on each project. The CDA plans to use other COVID-19 relief money from the County to partially fund rehabilitation projects of current housing stock. This also lowers the debt service on these projects and frees up other funds to use towards current and future projects.

In addition to the below-listed projects, the Board approved additional funding for the CDA to contract with local partners on the West Creek Apartment project and the Humanity Alliance project.

The former is a 19-unit, efficiency apartment project for addressing housing needs of homeless youth. The Community Asset Foundation Group (CAFG) will develop and own the building, with programming support through Launch Ministry and the CAP Agency will manage the building. The project had full funding until recent construction cost increases necessitated more funding.

The Humanity Alliance, based in the City of Victoria, plans extensive renovations to its Unite Lodge, adding five bedrooms (up to 10 beds), six bathrooms, common areas and a commercial kitchen. This allows the non-profit to expand its current mission of providing access to high-quality, nutritious meals to also include housing, job needs, and tools to address addiction, anxiety and depression. The County’s allocation of the federal pandemic relief funds to the CDA means both projects can move forward.

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“The partnership between the CDA, County, Cities and non-profit providers is a positive step towards meeting the affordable housing need in Carver County,” Frick added. The CDA anticipates submitting applications for the needed State funding in July 2022, with awards announced in January 2023.

A summary of the projects:

Project	City	ARPA Funds	Status	Notes
Trails Edge Senior	Waconia	\$1 Million	Planned, land owned by CDA	60-76 affordable units; ages 55+
Carver Oaks Senior	Carver	\$1 Million	Planned, land owned by CDA	40 affordable units, ages 55+
Carver Place	Carver	\$1 Million	Planned, land owned by CDA	60 affordable units, all ages
Watertown/Mayer rehab	Watertown, Mayer	\$1.8 Million	Existing, project to start January 2022	Rehab of 42 existing rural development properties; residents 62+ or with disabilities
Bluff Creek rehab	Carver	\$200,000	In progress, projected completion mid-2022	Rehab of 18 units

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