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St. Louis County HRA Board approves \$250,000 for emergency shelter housing

St. Louis County commissioners, acting as the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, today authorized \$250,000 in funding to develop six units of emergency shelter housing. The family units will be part of the Hillside Apartments being developed by Center City Housing Corporation to be located on 4th Street and 1st Avenue West in Duluth.

The \$11.2 million Hillside Apartments is a collaborative effort involving Center City Housing, CHUM, One Roof Community Housing and Duluth HRA. Center City Housing will own the building and CHUM will be the service provider. In addition to the six emergency shelter units, the Hillside Apartments will include 44 units of supportive housing for homeless families. Construction on the project is expected to begin this fall.

Through CHUM, intensive support services will be made available to all residents in the apartments, with the goal of stabilizing families and ending the generational cycle of homelessness. Chum staff will work with apartment residents to address underlying issues that result in family instability, such as chemical dependency, abuse and mental illness.

Commissioner Steve O'Neil, who has championed this and other projects to fight homelessness, praised the board and the community for their support of the project. "We are making a difference in people's lives. We are giving children and families greater opportunities to succeed," O'Neil said. "The integration of supportive shelter in this building is a great model."

The project is a priority of "Heading Home St. Louis County: A Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness." The \$250,000 in funding is a deferred loan that will be forgiven if the property remains an emergency shelter for 20 years.

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