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LOCAL NEWS



An artist's rendering shows the Miracles Central Apartments coming to the neighborhood just east of the Rose Quarter.

Build for Miracles Central Second housing site for culturally competent alcohol recovery

Late this summer, The Miracles Club and Central City Concern will celebrate the opening of Miracles Central Apartments, a new affordable housing apartment building located near the Rose Quarter.

The two groups have worked for the past few years on the project that will bring affordable housing and services to adults and families who wish to live in an alcohol

and drug-free building.

Miracles Central Apartments is based on the Miracles Club Apartments, a similar building on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, specializing in culturally competent recovery support for the African American community.

The new apartments will consist of 47 units of affordable housing, including 28 apartments affordable to lower-income households earning up to 50 percent of the area median income (approximately \$25,750 for an individual).

Families will also be welcomed as tenants. The building's ground floor will be available for program-related services, including meetings and counseling. On-site staff will help tenants with life-skills, employment readiness, and

eviction prevention, and work closely with tenants to develop action plans that may include steps like workforce development or education.

The Portland Housing Bureau dedicated \$7.1 million in capital funding toward the building. Other major funders include Oregon Housing & Community Services, National Equity Fund and JP Morgan Chase. Multicultural Development Group is the project developer with Guardian Real Estate Services LLC leading the project, Carleton Hart Architecture is the lead architect and LMC Construction is the general contractor.

For leasing information, contact Amanda Clark at Guardian Real Estate Services, 503-802-3545.

Biggest Housing Push Ever Portland awards \$47 million for construction

In an effort to counteract an increasingly problematic housing crisis in Portland where soaring rents and housing costs have displaced thousands of residents, the Portland Housing Bureau has delivered its highest funding allocation to date to support the construction of affordable homes. Roughly \$47 million in both local and federal funding was ear-

marked last week for eight proposed affordable housing projects.

The city expects the support to create 585 new affordable housing units, as well as preserving another 255 units through renovation. Of the renovated projects, more than 120 of them are specifically targeted for the lowest-income households, meaning those earning at most 30 percent of the me-

dian family income.

Last fall, Commissioner Dan Saltzman ordered the Housing Bureau to dispense all of its available resources into Portland's housing emergency, including urban renewal funds allocated for future years.

The bureau will be working
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