



## Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Missouri

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Dear Office of Mayor Buffaloe and Columbia City Council,

I am writing to notify you of the Columbia Housing Authority's (CHA) intent to apply to the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) for 9% federal low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) financing for the replacement of 50 downtown public housing units with new construction.

The CHA has been upgrading legacy public housing units and converting its housing stock utilizing low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) funding obtained through the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC). Plans for CHA's Providence Walkway Apartments project consist of 59 units on the east side of Providence Road near Park Avenue. Current unit configuration includes seven (7) one-bedroom units, nineteen (19) two-bedroom units, fourteen (14) three-bedroom units and twelve (12) four-bedroom units. These units were constructed in 1964 and have exceeded their life cycle. The CHA's current plans include demolishing all units and replacing them with new, modern, and energy-efficient housing built to standards most desirable for current and future residents.

The current units have significant problems with collapsing sewer lines, foundation problems, electrical and a need for improved accessibility. Given the severe age and inadequacy of the units, CHA is working with existing CHA residents and has developed plans for new housing to be constructed on Providence Walkway. New construction will allow for improved storm water infrastructure, new laundry facility and significant improvements and upgrades to the Blind Boone Community Facility serving CHA's Moving Ahead After School and Summer School programming. The proposed construction of Providence Walkway includes 59 total units with thirteen (13) one-bedroom units, twenty (20) two-bedroom units, fourteen (14) three-bedroom units and twelve (12) four-bedroom units.

On behalf of CHA, I request a letter of support for our application for 9% low-income housing tax credits for this project. A sample letter will be emailed to you for your use in supporting this important community project. Comments on this proposed project may be submitted directly to me at the address above or through email.

If you have any questions or would like more detail about the proposed project, please contact me at (573) 554-7000 or [rcole@columbiaha.com](mailto:rcole@columbiaha.com). Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Randy Cole  
Chief Executive Officer  
Columbia Housing Authority