



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 preservation of affordable housing opportunities and RAD Conversion of 27 downtown public housing units.

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 Blind Boone Apartments project consist of 27 units on the west side of Providence Road between Park Avenue and Switzler Street. Current unit configuration for replacement includes one (1) one-bedroom unit, sixteen (16) two-bedroom units, and ten (10) three-bedroom units. These units were constructed in 1963 and have exceeded their life cycle. The CHA's current plans include demolishing and constructing new, modern, and energy-efficient housing built to standards most desirable for current and future residents.

The current units have significant deficiencies with collapsing sewer lines, shifting foundations, dated 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 at Blind Boone Apartments. The proposed construction of Blind Boone Apartments includes 27 total units with one (1) one-bedroom units, sixteen (16) two-bedroom units, and ten (10) three-bedroom units.

On behalf of CHA, I am also requesting 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. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Randy Cole
Chief Executive Officer
Columbia Housing Authority