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**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AWARDS \$23.7 MILLION  
TO PRODUCE MORE ASSISTED LIVING SENIOR HOUSING IN FIVE STATES**

WASHINGTON--Elderly Americans in Connecticut, Indiana, Minnesota, New York and Ohio will soon find themselves living in upgraded apartments equipped to meet their physical needs because of \$23.7 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD today announced the grants to help convert existing multifamily projects into assisted living facility for the elderly. A detailed summary of each grant is attached to this release.

The funding is provided through HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program which provides grants for the physical conversion of eligible multifamily assisted housing projects or portions of projects to assisted living facilities.

"The funding we announce today will allow the elderly an opportunity to age in place in familiar surroundings as they become older and require supportive services," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "These grants will provide an affordable option to nursing homes, helping seniors to live independently."

Assisted living facilities are designed to accommodate low-income frail elderly persons and persons with disabilities who can live independently but need assistance with the activities of daily living such as help with eating, bathing, grooming, dressing and home management activities. These affordable facilities provide support services such as personal care, transportation, meals, and housekeeping.

The grants are awarded on a competitive basis. During the review process, HUD assesses several ranking factors including: the extent to which the conversion is needed by the persons that the project is intended to serve; the quality and effectiveness of the proposal in addressing the proposed conversion including the meals and supportive services which the project intends to provide; the ability of the project owner to secure other community resources which can be combined with the grant to achieve the program's purposes; and the capacity of the project owner to carry out the conversion in a timely and effective manner.

The owners are responsible for ensuring that converted units meet all local standards, codes and regulations governing assisted living facilities. The projects must also be licensed and regulated by the appropriate governing body.

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**CONNECTICUT  
New Haven  
New Haven Jewish Federation Housing Corporation  
\$2,855,069**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 14 elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Tower East is 13 stories tall and contains 150 apartment units. The proposal will convert 14 units in to accessible assisted

living care apartments. The renovations will include improvements to the resident activity area, upgrades to the commercial kitchen, and expansion of the laundry areas, as well as other upgrades and improvements to meet all the required accessibility requirements.

Providing Assisted Living in the Tower East housing development will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **CONNECTICUT**

### **Norwalk**

#### **King's Daughter and Sons**

**\$2,836,302**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 20 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Kingsway Apartments consists of 128 existing independent living units. The planned conversion involves converting units on the first floor and a centrally located monitoring station. The program areas on the ground floor will be altered and expanded to provide services and activities of daily living for an assisted living facility. The areas to be renovated: a new commercial kitchen for food preparation and serving of meals, a food storage area, and a boardroom area will be renovated to a resident's kitchenette, which will provide some simple meal preparation facilities for residents. The dining room adjacent to the new commercial kitchen will also serve as a multi program area.

Providing Assisted Living in Kingsway Apartments will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **INDIANA**

### **Avilla**

#### **Laverna Terrace Housing**

**\$2,251,361**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 20 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. The units within the north wing will be modified to provide one hundred percent accessible dwelling units through modification of all kitchens and bathrooms. The common areas to be developed include a new commercial kitchen providing comprehensive food services for all meals; a new dining room; therapy room; commercial laundry; nursing office; flexible spaces for multiple activities including exercise; and a personal resident laundry.

Providing Assisted Living in Laverna Terrace will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **MINNEAPOLIS**

### **Rochester**

#### **High Pointe a/k/a Rochester VOA Elderly**

**\$2,005,760**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 20 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. High Pointe is three

stories and contains 40 units. The renovations will include a new addition to the building that would feature a new dining area and commercial kitchen on the entry level, additional office spaces, and an activity room on the lower level. These new amenities will help facilitate service delivery and will help better serve residents as they age in place.

Providing Assisted Living in High Pointe will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **MINNEAPOLIS**

**Saint Paul**

**Seabury**

**\$1,310,020**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 46 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Seabury consists of 49 existing independent living units. The renovations will include unit configuration of the 46 units as well as new power operated doorways, a community room reconfigured for resident dining, and a caretaker unit reconfigured for a resident activity area.

Providing Assisted Living in Seabury will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **NEW YORK**

**Syracuse**

**Bernardine Apartments**

**\$8,587,883**

The Assisted Living Conversion Program grant funds will be used to convert 39 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Bernardine Apartments is a twenty-three story apartment building that has successfully converted nine phases through the Assisted Living Conversion Program renovating floors 5 through 18. The renovations will include Life Safety system upgrades and an additional elevator with an area of refuge; the unit conversions will facilitate the delivery of services and will accommodate the changing needs of the residents and allow them to successfully age in place with independence and dignity.

Providing assisted living in Bernardine Apartments will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.

## **OHIO**

**Johnstown**

**NCR of Johnstown**

**\$3,573,701**

The Assisted Living Conversion grant funds will be used to convert 24 existing elderly units into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Chimes Terrace is an existing 2-story elderly apartment building. The planned conversion includes modifying 24 units, with 12 units per floor. The common areas of the building will be expanded to provide essential services for activities of daily living for the assisted living facility. The renovations include a

new commercial kitchen, dining room, therapy facilities, commercial laundry and personal laundry, nursing offices, exercise and passive activity areas.

Providing assisted living in Chimes Terrace will allow frail elderly residents already living in an independent environment to receive the support they require, while remaining in an environment where they are comfortable.