

# Midwestern Affordable Housing Innovations & Strategies

Leaning into Change and Innovation

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# Changing lives and creating communities by developing and sustaining housing for those most in need

Beyond Shelter, Inc.

#### Learning Objectives



The **value of partnerships** between PHA & Non-profit Development Partners



**Funding mechanisms** for affordable housing development



Examples of **innovative projects** resulting from partnership between PHAs and Beyond Shelter, Inc.



Disposition

Demolition & Disposition

Reinvestment of sales proceeds into new development



Streamlined Voluntary Conversion

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Repositioning may mean changing your mindset, learning new ways of achieving your mission, and modifying the day-to-day operations of your organization.



# NON-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- > Shared Mission
- Affordable housing development is primary focus
- Experience Details Matter
- > Time is Money

# Development What can a Partner

#### **Housing Authority**

- Continue daily operations
- Navigate HUD processes
- Manage tenant needs
- Manage organizational change
  - Job descriptions
  - Personnel
  - Funding streams
  - Accounting system
  - Board education
  - Staff education

### Development Partner

- Procuring professional services
- Visioning / Master Planning
- Coordinating with City
- Prepare & monitor timelines
- Test financial models
- Secure professional reports
- Write funding applications
- Negotiating debt & equity terms
- Manage financial closing
- Manage construction draws
- Assist PHA with project accounting
- Oversee initial lease-up
- Assist PHA setting up project accounting
- Oversee first year operations

#### New Development

- Burleigh County Housing Authority
- Clay County HRA
- Fargo HRA
- Fergus Falls Housing Authority
- Grand Forks Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of Cass County
- Minot Housing Authority
- Moorhead Housing Authority
- Stark County Housing Authority



### Disposition & New Development

- Fargo Housing &RedevelopmentAuthority
- Minot Housing Authority
- Traill County Housing Authority
- Williston Housing Authority



## Demolition and Disposition

- Housing Authority of Cass County
- Burleigh County Housing Authority





# SHOW US THE MONEY

- > Public Housing funds
- ➤ Private Equity
- ➤ Bank Debt
- Federal Funds
- State Funds
- > Foundation grants



# Leverage Public Housing Authority Funds

- Capital Funds
- Unencumbered Funds
- Sales Proceeds
- Powerful source of seed money
- Loans to project



# Equity Private

#### 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits & Bond Financing

- Credits not competitive
- Bond cap may be competitive
- Private LLLP ownership



#### **Historic Tax Credits**

- > Historic Register
- Maintain historic character
- Private LLLP ownership



#### 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits

- Maximize equity
- > Highly competitive
- Private LLLP ownership



#### **Federal**

- HOME Investments Partner Program
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Housing Trust Fund
- Federal Recovery Funds

#### Local

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Waiver of Fees
- Land Donation
- Local match may be required to leverage other funds

#### State

- Housing Infrastructure Bonds
- Low and Moderate Income Rental Program
- Flexible Financing for Capital Costs
- Economic Development Housing Challenge Program
- Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund
- Publicly Owned Housing Program
- Housing Incentive Fund

- Community Banks
- National Banks
- Community
  Reinvestment Act
- Interest Rate Buydowns
- > PHA / GP Loans
- Soft Loans / Cashflow Loans





# Innovative Housing Authority Developments



# TYPES OF PROJECTS

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Response to changing needs
- Redevelopment
- Unique Financing



#### Permanent Supportive Housing

#### **PHA Roles:**

- Owner
- General Partner
- Co-General Partner
- Management Agent
- Service Provider

#### Properties:

- Cooper House, Fargo, ND
- Gateway Gardens, Moorhead, MN
- La Grave on First, Grand Forks, ND
- Edwinton Place, Bismarck
- Garitz Grove, Fergus Falls

#### **Innovations:**

- Early adopters of Housing First low barrier housing
- Key players in helpingCities execute 10-yearplans to end homelessness
- Meeting needs of homeless in rural MN

#### Workforce Housing

#### **PHA Roles**

- Co General Partner
- Property Manager
- Down payment Assistance
- HCV with Mortgage





#### Properties:

- Bluestem Homes, Fargo,
  ND
- Patterson Heights,Dickinson, ND
- Washington Townhomes, Fieldcrest Apartments, & Sunset Ridge, Minot, ND

#### **Innovations:**

- Lease purchase homeownership opportunity
- Housing for EssentialService Workers & LawEnforcement Personnel
- Flood Recovery Replacement Housing

#### Dakota Apartments 2, Bismarck, ND

#### Burleigh County Housing Authority

- Demolition and disposition of 17 functionally obsolete public housing units
- New construction of 34-unit LIHTC project
- Ground lease to Owner LLLP
- Three structures
- 2 BR family townhouses (14)
- 1 BR senior apartments (20)
- Anticipated ground breaking in early fall 2022

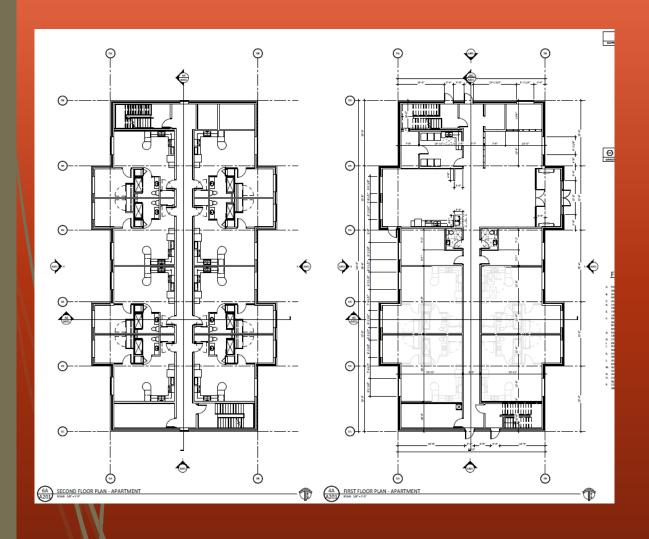


#### **Funding Sources**

- Capital Funds (for Demo)
- Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
- LIHTC
- Housing Trust Fund

- CDBG
- Bank Debt
- Ground Lease
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes





#### **Innovation**

- Community Revitalization
- New development functions as two projects
  - Family
  - Senior
- Solar panel ready
- Stormwater retention for larger site

#### Cooks Court, Minot, ND

#### **Minot Housing Authority**

- MHA identified need
- Reached out to BSI Co GPs
- Met with City regarding funding
- Committed PBV for 30% AMI units
- Signed on as property manager
- 40 units new construction 62+
- Attached parking garages
- Guest room
- Community space



#### **Funding Sources**

- City CDBG (flood recovery)
- LIHTC
- ND Housing Incentive Fund
- Bank Debt
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes







#### **Innovation**

- Community Revitalization
- City did site prep then donated site – Geo-piers
- Attached indoor parking
- > Shared tenant garden

#### La Grave on First, Grand Forks, ND

### Grand Forks Housing Authority

- 10-year plan to end homelessness
- GFHA sole GP
- BSI Developer
- Committed PBV for 30% AMI units
- GFHA Property Manager
- 42 units of new construction for chronically homeless
- On site services
- Commercial Kitchen
- Housing First



#### **Funding Sources**

- City land donation
- Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
- LIHTC
- Housing Trust Fund
- HOME Funds
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Tribal funds
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes





#### **Innovation**

- ➤ Housing First
- Commercial Kitchen job training
- Serene lobby
- > SAMSA grant for services

#### The Monterey & Brighton Place, West Fargo, ND

### Housing Authority of Cass County

- Master planning process
- 85 units senior + 36 townhouses
- 65+
- Project based vouchers
- New office for Housing Authority
- Enclosed parking under building
- Spacious community room
- Craft room
- Media room
- Fitness room
- Salon









### NOTABLE STEPS IN THE PROCESS:

- Demo/Dispo application to HUD
- Tenant Protection Vouchers
- Relocation of tenants most permanently
- Site purchased land, LLC formed by HRA
- 2 Separate projects
- 2 Separate ownership entities
- 2 Land Leases to Owner, LLLPs
- 2 funding packages; financial closings
- 2 building permits; construction contracts
- PHA is General Partner in both Owner, LLLPs, with control over daily operations
- Right of First Refusal



## Innovative Approaches

- Comprehensive master planning opportunity
- Coordination with City participating in larger community revitalization plan
- Storm water retention capacity
- Included new office for HRA in new building















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