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Hamilton County Awards Affordable Housing Grants

CINCINNATI – Hamilton County Planning + Development is pleased to announce that \$900,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds have been awarded to three projects that will leverage over \$11 million in other private and public investment to produce 74 units of affordable housing. This includes one project that received low income housing tax credits (LIHTC) from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA).

The County utilized a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to solicit applications for affordable housing projects throughout Hamilton County. The RFP was published on February 10, 2017 and proposals were due on March 24, 2017.

The Board of County Commissioners approved funding the three projects listed below as recommended by the Housing Subcommittee of the Community Development Advisory Committee:

- 1. 821 Flats Tender Mercies and Over-the-Rhine Community Housing have partnered on a permanent supportive housing project that consists of the new construction of 57 rental units, including 53 efficiencies and 4 one-bedrooms. Total project cost is expected to be \$10,600,000 with \$300,000 in HOME funds from the County. This LIHTC project is located in the West End neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati. This will be the first joint project between the County and the City who has also committed \$300,000 in HOME funds to this project.
- 2. West College Hill Partners in Residential Redevelopment Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati will build six new construction single family homes for low to moderate income families in the West College Hill neighborhood of Springfield Township. They will receive \$300,000 in HOME funds for the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$689,500. In 2016, the County awarded \$350,000 funds to Habitat to build seven homes in the same neighborhood.
- West College Station Wallick/Stern-Hendy Properties will be rehabilitating 14 single family homes, all of which are three bedrooms. The homes are all located in the West College Hill neighborhood of Springfield Township. Total project cost is \$250,000 with \$150,000 in HOME funds from the County.

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