



CITY OF SISTERS

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Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
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Re: Sisters Request for Reserved ARPA Funds

Dear County Commissioners,

Last winter the Board of County Commissioners reserved \$500,000 in ARPA funds for an affordable housing project in Sisters. We are at the point where we would like to have the Board officially allocate the funds to the City for a proposed project.

This month the City Council will be considering the approval of a development agreement with Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) for a multi-family rental housing project in Sisters. The development will be a multi-story building with one-, two-, and three-bedroom units; located on North Trinity Way in Sisters. The building design will feature a minimum of 40 affordable units with an additional manager's unit. Amenities will include a community space, outdoor play area, and easy access to shopping, work, and other amenities within the city. Units at the property will be targeted at households making 65% AMI or less with unit sizes designed for individuals, couples, families, and seniors.

About Northwest Housing Alternatives

Founded in 1982 as a family homeless shelter, Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) is now a leading not-for-profit developer of affordable and workforce housing throughout Oregon. Their mission is to create individual opportunity through housing. To that end, NHA develops, builds, and asset manages rental housing designed for Oregonians in diverse populations including families, workforce, seniors, veterans, and individuals experiencing disabilities.

The official allocation of the \$500,000 in ARPA funds by the County would allow the City to continue to move forward with our goal of building more affordable housing for those struggling in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Preedin, Mayor