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Department Provides Grants for Quality Low-Income Housing

The Department of Administration (DOA) announces that three communities will receive grants totaling \$1.1 million to provide affordable rental housing for low-income individuals and families. These grants provide key resources for communities to develop affordable, safe, and accessible housing for our seniors and working families in smaller communities.

DOA's Division of Housing awards these grants based on the HOME Rental Housing Development program. HOME, a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year HOME allocates approximately \$2 billion among the states and hundreds of localities nationwide.

Below are the three communities receiving affordable housing grants. All projects are expected to start construction yet this year.

Eagle Hills - Cashton, WI

- Awarded \$402,000
- Eagle Hills will be a new construction affordable 24-unit family townhome community. The single and two-story buildings will offer individuals and families one, two and three bedroom apartment homes.

Dancing Oaks - Menomonie, WI

- Awarded \$491,000
- Dancing Oaks will be a new construction cottage-style 24 unit senior rental development. The project will include twelve one bedroom and twelve two bedroom units. All of the 24 units will be accessible.

Bashara Apartments - Solon Springs, WI

- Awarded \$211,700, plus an additional \$21,170 in Community Housing Development Organization operating funds
- Bashara Apartments is a 16-unit apartment rehabilitation project for seniors and people with disabilities.

All the grants were awarded based upon a competitive application process, and the funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction activities. The projects must serve households at or below 60% of the county median income.

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