



# Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Missouri

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## Columbia Housing Authority Affordable Housing Initiative

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) is launching a new affordable housing initiative designed to strengthen and revitalize neighborhoods located in the Heart of Columbia. The CHA believes it should be a leader in the development of affordable housing that is energy-efficient and fully accessible to persons with disabilities. In this leadership role, the CHA will partner with other community organizations to develop a broad variety of affordable housing options designed to revitalize neighborhoods and build strong, inclusive communities that reflect the diversity of Columbia.

The CHA has engaged the ND Consulting Group (NDCG) to assist in this process. The NDCG is part of a team that has a wealth of experience in developing affordable housing and is committed to strengthening neighborhoods and building communities. This team includes the ND Consulting Group; Tim Person and Associates; and Capital Consultants, Inc. Information on their qualifications and experience is available on the CHA's web site at: [www.ColumbiaHA.com](http://www.ColumbiaHA.com).

### **The CHA will focus its efforts in the Heart of Columbia with the following long-term goals:**

- To increase the supply of affordable housing in partnership with other community organizations.
- To revitalize neighborhoods in a way that builds strong, diverse, and inclusive communities.
- To provide a wide-range of energy-efficient affordable housing options that meet community needs.
- To revitalize or redevelop our aging Public Housing family neighborhoods in the Heart of Columbia.

### **Our goals for the first year are:**

- To complete a long-range strategic plan to increase the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing options in the Heart of Columbia over the next ten (10) years that meets community needs.
- To conduct a Physical Needs Assessment on our downtown Public Housing family neighborhoods that will help us to determine how best to revitalize or redevelop these 50+ year-old properties.
- To submit an application for affordable housing tax credits to the Missouri Housing Development Commission to help finance an affordable housing development in 2013.

### **The CHA is considering developing the following types of affordable housing based on need:**

- Rental housing for low-income households including those at or below 30% of Median Family Income (MFI), working families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- Home-ownership opportunities for households at or below 60% MFI.
- Housing with supportive services for families, the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Mixed-income housing and mixed-use development that strengthens neighborhoods, provides necessary services, and creates job opportunities for low-income households.

### **The CHA's commitment to our Public Housing Residents and the Columbia community is:**

- The CHA will increase the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing.
- The Columbia community will be engaged in determining how to best meet our housing needs.
- Any revitalization or redevelopment of Public Housing neighborhoods will ensure that every currently assisted household will continue to receive housing assistance.
- Every effort will be made to keep Public Housing communities intact by giving eligible residents the first choice to return to their neighborhood in the event of any revitalization or redevelopment of Public Housing.

The Columbia Housing Authority is committed to increasing the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing in the Heart of Columbia. The CHA's mission is to provide safe and affordable housing opportunities to low-income individuals and families. In carrying out this mission, CHA will seek partnerships and collaborative efforts with local organizations and other governmental agencies that provide services to improve quality of life for CHA's residents.