



MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Public Hearing Dates Set for Housing Development Funding

The Missouri Housing Development Commission will hold public hearings at four different locations on four nights in November to discuss the 128 affordable housing development proposals submitted by developers for 2008 funding in response to a Notification of Funding Availability issued in August. Hearings are planned for Springfield, Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia. Persons with input regarding the proposals can also mail, e-mail or fax MHDC voicing their opinions.

The Springfield public hearing will be held at **6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007** at the University Plaza (Iowa Room) 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, Missouri; Phone: 816-864-7333. The following cities are represented in the **24** proposals to be discussed:

Bolivar	Forsyth	Neosho	Springfield (2)
Branson (2)	Goodman	Oronogo	Webb City (2)
Bull Creek	Hollister	Ozark (2)	West Plains
Carl Junction	Joplin (2)	Reeds Springs	Willow Springs
Carthage	Lebanon (2)		

The Kansas City public hearing will be held at **6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, 2007** at the Marriot Country Club Plaza (Grand Ballroom F/G) 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri; Phone: 816-531-3000. The following cities are represented in the **38** proposals to be discussed:

Cameron	Hamilton	Kansas City (21)	Nevada (2)
Clinton (2)	Harrisonville	Kearney	St. Joseph (2)
Grandview	Independence (2)	Liberty (2)	Warrensburg (2)

The St. Louis public hearing will be held at **6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007** at the Renaissance STL Airport Hotel (Lambert Ballroom A/B) 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis Missouri; Phone: 314-429-1100. The following cities are represented in the **47** proposals to be discussed:

Bel-Ridge	Hazelwood (2)	Pacific (2)	Shrewsbury
Black Jack	Hermann	Perryville	St. Louis (21)
Cape Girardeau (2)	Hillsdale	Pine Lawn	Sullivan (2)
East Prairie	Jennings	Poplar Bluff	Union
Farmington	O'Fallon (3)	Scott City	Wellston
Festus			

MHDC is the state's housing finance agency. The Commission is dedicated to strengthening communities and the lives of Missourians through the financing, development and preservation of affordable housing. MHDC was created by the General Assembly in 1969 and since that time it has invested \$5 billion for the development of affordable rental housing and mortgages for first-time homebuyers in Missouri. MHDC functions much like a bank, providing financing directly to borrowers, developers or through a network of private lending institutions. MHDC is one of only three state housing agencies in the nation to receive an issuer credit rating of AA+ from Standard & Poor's.



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The Columbia public hearing will be held at **6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007** at the Holliday Inn Select – Executive Center (Parliament III room) 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri; Phone 573-445-8531. The following cities are represented in the **19** proposals to be discussed:

Camdenton	Fulton	Kirksville (2)	Mexico
Columbia (2)	Hannibal	Lancaster	Moberly (2)
Edina	Jefferson City	Marshall	Sedalia (3)
Elson	Kahoka		

MHDC administers rental housing production programs including the federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Funds for rental production programs also consist of MHDC fund balances and federal HOME funds. At least 15 percent of HOME funds are set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations.

At the public hearing, MHDC staff will describe the development(s) under consideration, and accept and record public comments. Any interested party may attend the hearing to submit verbal or written comments and/or submit written comments to Missouri Housing Development Commission, 3435 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111, or through the office of the mayor or chief elected official of the locality in which the development is located. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to information@mhdc.com as long as they include a full name, address and phone number of the individual making the comments.

Individuals wishing to attend a hearing and require specific aids or services under the Americans with Disabilities Act should notify Diana Greener at 816-759-6600, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

A detailed list of developments proposed throughout the state is available on the web at <http://www.mhdc.com/>.

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Other contacts:

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