

Affordable housing project will surge in 2015

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The **Portland Housing Bureau** is tackling eight affordable housing projects, and ground is scheduled to be broken on four of them in 2015.

LMC Construction crews are scheduled to start work in May 2015 on the \$12.6 million, 47-unit **Miracles Central** project at 1306 N.E. Second Ave., Portland Housing Bureau spokeswoman Martha Calhoun said. The permanent housing complex designed by **Carleton Hart Architecture** will cater to individuals recovering from alcohol and drug dependency.

Construction is scheduled to start in early 2015 on a \$4 million renovation of the 64-unit **Allen Fremont** senior housing complex at 221 N.E. Fremont St. Neither an architect nor a general contractor has been hired yet.

Two other senior affordable housing complexes – the 50-unit **Bronaugh** at 1434 S.W. Morrison St. and the 301-unit **Westmoreland Union Manor** at 16404 S.E. 23rd Ave. – are slated to receive renovations next year. The \$13.4 million Bronaugh renovation is being designed by Carleton Hart Architecture. The \$46.9 million Westmoreland Union Manor renovation is being designed by **MWA Architects**. **Walsh Construction Co.** will be the contractor for both projects.

A couple of new affordable housing complexes have entered the early stages of design. The **NAYA Generations** project is sponsored by the **Native American Youth and Family Center** and the St. Francis Park project is sponsored by **Caritas Housing Initiatives**.

Carleton Hart is designing the \$10.5 million NAYA Generations project at 5205 S.E. 86th Ave. The 40-unit complex will house children in foster care with adoptive families as well as seniors, and a Native American-focused early learning center is planned. LMC will serve as the general contractor.

MWA Architects is designing the \$19.6 million St. Francis Park project at 1136 S.E. Oak St. It will have 102 housing units, including 25 reserved for homeless women and women who have been victims of domestic violence. **O'Neill/Walsh Community Builders** will be the project contractor.

Two projects that started this year will continue into 2016. Walsh Construction crews are building **The Abigail**, a 155-unit complex at 1650 N.W. 13th designed by **Ankrom Moisan Architects**. It's scheduled to finish in May 2016.

A \$16.8 million full seismic upgrade and renovation of the 62-unit **Erickson-Fritz Building** in **Old Town Chinatown** is scheduled to wrap up in June 2016. **LRS Architects** designed the project and **Silco Commercial Construction** is the general contractor.