

## Pathways Awarded Grant to Fund Housing for Low-Income Persons with Disabilities

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Access to affordable supportive housing for persons with disabilities just got a little easier thanks to \$749 million in housing assistance announced November 16<sup>th</sup> by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Pathways Community Health was named one of only four non-profit organizations in Missouri to receive funding for producing accessible housing, offer rental assistance, and facilitate supportive services for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Pathways' funded project will contain 14 units of affordable housing for very low-income persons with disabilities in Cuba, MO. The project will consist of two (2) single-story newly constructed buildings that face a central courtyard. The community space will include office space for on-site case management as well as a recreational room for tenant enjoyment. The project is being constructed in accordance with the National Association of Home Builders, Green Building Guidelines.

"Housing has been on our radar for quite some time. This grant award allows us, as a community health provider, to meet the needs of those we serve on so many levels. We are very excited to move this project forward," said Linda Grgurich, President, Pathways Community Health.

Residents must be "very low income" with household incomes less than 50 percent of their median for that area. However, most households that receive Section 811 or Section 202 assistance earn less than 30 percent of the median for their area. Generally, this means that a one-person household will have an annual income of about \$13,500.

## **About Pathways**

Compass Health is the parent company of Pathways Community Health and Royal Oaks Hospital.

Together, the non-profit community behavioral healthcare center with 34 offices throughout 36 counties in Missouri and the 41-bed behavioral health hospital located in Windsor, MO, provide a full continuum

of evidence-based behavioral health services for children, adolescents and adults. Services include comprehensive psychiatric treatment, addiction recovery, and crisis & prevention services. Pathways has been providing behavioral health services for over 30 years. For the Children Foundation, the primary funding-raising arm of Compass Health raises money for children who suffer with behavioral issues but have no way to pay for treatment. Funds raised by the Foundation help children receive needed services at Pathways and Royal Oaks.

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