



## **Preservation & Modernization of Affordable Housing in West Valley City**

**Housing Connect celebrates the commencement of the renovation of Granger Apartments,**

**24 deeply affordable housing units for low-income families**

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WEST VALLEY CITY, UT - Housing Connect, which is the Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake, announces the rehab kick off ceremony on Wednesday, November 1st at 2:00 pm for the renovation of Granger Apartments. The event will take place on-site at 3348 S 4000 W, West Valley City 84120.

The Granger property was constructed in 1983 as Public Housing and has housed many low-income families over the years. The site is comprised of 12 duplexes (24 units) and is located near stores, restaurants, community services, recreation, and mass transit. After 40 years of serving the West Valley City community, Granger Apartments will receive a well-deserved modernization.

The modernized property will enhance the quality of life for our residents and set a new standard for housing rehabilitation in the region. This comprehensive revitalization effort will encompass a range of key improvements, including addressing major capital items for long-term preservation, brand new floor plans, new cabinets, countertops, lighting, painting, flooring and appliances. With the initiative to embrace sustainability and Housing Connect's impact on the environment, the property will undergo EnergyStar enhancements and be certified as an Enterprise Green Community. The new layouts and upgraded features will help preserve affordable housing opportunities for new families for years to come.

Eligible residents will continue to pay 30% of their adjusted gross income towards rent, allowing the development to serve a broad income mix from very low-income and disabled seniors to those on SSI/DI. Housing Connect strives to preserve affordable housing opportunities to provide safe and stable homes for the most vulnerable in our community.

“We are grateful for this opportunity to refresh and sustain these 24 units of deeply affordable housing in West Valley City. This project continues our greater effort to reposition all of Housing Connect’s Public Housing units to ensure we preserve this critical source of affordable housing for the next fifty years.” said Janice Kimball, Chief Executive Officer.

Housing Connect has partnered with many key entities to make the rehabilitation and preservation of the property possible. The development has a total budget of \$11.38 million, which is fully financed through the following sources: Housing and Urban Development, Wells Fargo, Utah Housing Corporation, Rocky Mountain CRC.

The project team includes: EJ Architecture, Shaw Construction, Praxis Consulting, and Housing Connect.

The ceremony will start at 2:20 pm, Wednesday, November 1st. Speakers at the event will include: Janice Kimball, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Connect; Mayor Karen Lang, West Valley City; David Damschen, President & CEO, Utah Housing Corporation; Steven Nielsen, President & CEO, Rocky Mountain CRC; Nelda Newton, Managing Director - Community Lending & Investment, Wells Fargo; Jeff King, Shaw Construction; and Kelly Jorgensen, Field Office Director, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **Granger Apartments Rehab Kick Off Event**

**Time:** Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; program at 2:20 pm

**Location:** 3348 S 4000 W, West Valley City 84120

### **About Housing Connect**

Founded in 1970, Housing Connect (formerly the Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake) was established to ensure access to safe and affordable housing in Salt Lake County. This pursuit continues today embedded in the agency’s mission to connect people and communities to quality affordable housing opportunities while promoting self-sufficiency and neighborhood revitalization.

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Above: rendering of the modernized Granger Apartments