



First Step House and Housing Connect Celebrate 67 Units of Permanent Supportive Housing Coming to Salt Lake City.

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Salt Lake City, UT — First Step House and Housing Connect, which is the Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake, in partnership with development consultant TCM, are proud to announce the beginning of construction of 44 North, a new five-story permanent supportive housing development in Salt Lake City. Permanent supportive housing combines affordable housing with support services to address the needs of chronically homeless individuals.

The project will provide 67 affordable homes for individuals experiencing homelessness, with a focus on those with disabling conditions such as serious mental illness and earning 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or below. The development will feature 63 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom units, along with on-site supportive services provided by First Step House. Residents will have access to case management, mental health care, and other critical resources to promote long-term stability.

“Supportive housing works. It's a proven solution to chronic homelessness that brings hope and lasting change,” said Shawn McMillen, Executive Director, First Step House. “When people have a safe, permanent place to live, they can begin to heal and rebuild their lives.”

“44 North represents a step forward in increasing deeply affordable housing in our community,” added Janice Kimball, CEO, Housing Connect. “By combining affordable housing with comprehensive support services, we can help vulnerable individuals achieve long-term stability.”

Designed by Method Studios and constructed by Bonneville Builders, 44 North is expected to open and begin serving the community by late summer 2026.

The groundbreaking ceremony celebration program will start at 3:30 pm, Wednesday, June 18th. Speakers at the event will include: Shawn McMillen, Executive Director, First Step House; Janice Kimball, CEO, Housing Connect; XXXX

44 North Groundbreaking Celebration

Time: Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm; program begins at 3:30 pm

Location: 44 N 1000 W, Salt Lake City Utah; the event is outside

About First Step House

Since 1958, First Step House has helped people in the Salt Lake Valley get back on their feet after addiction, homelessness, and incarceration. First Step House provides treatment, deeply affordable housing, and integrated services such as healthcare and employment to about 1,700 people each year.

About Housing Connect

Founded in 1970, Housing Connect 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.
