

Wentworth Commons – Chicago, IL

Green Supportive Housing for Families and Individuals



Wentworth Commons

Wentworth Commons has 51 apartments. Twenty-four of the apartments are efficiency units for single individuals. Twenty-seven are family units (nine two-bedroom apartments, 15 three-bedroom and three four-bedroom apartments).

Developer: Mercy Housing Lakefront

Architect: Susan King of Harley Ellis Devereaux

Tenant Profile: Families and single individuals who have been homeless.

Service Approach: Supportive services include case management, employment training, and leadership development, with staff including a senior case management services manager, vocational counselor and leadership organizer.

Key Features and Innovations:

- Office spaces on the first floor allow case managers and property managers to meet privately with tenants.
- A family resource center, community kitchen and large multi-purpose room on this same floor encourage fellowship building.
- Apartments are on the top three floors, with a mix of unit types on each floor.
- Each residential floor has a laundry room and lounge for tenants, while the basement includes tenant storage areas.
- A garden and playground offer green space for tenants.
- Twenty-four-hour desk clerks monitor the entrance to the building.

CSH and the Sponsor

CSH has provided financial support for Mercy Housing Lakefront (formerly Lakefront Supportive Housing) over the past 15 years. These funds were used to assist with capacity building, acquisition and predevelopment costs associated with 11 permanent supportive housing projects.

Financing Information

Capital

Chicago Department of Housing Low Income Housing Tax Credits	\$5,872,500
Chicago Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant	\$5,973,395
Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program	\$ 500,000
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Energy Natural Resources Grant	\$ 121,568
Clean Energy Community Loan Fund	\$ 63,000
HUD Supportive Housing Program	\$ 400,000
State of Illinois Donations Tax Credit Proceeds (Chase Bank)	\$ 74,000
Donations (Cash and/or materials)	\$ 124,000
Total	\$13,128,463

Operating (Annual)

Regional Housing Initiative Subsidies	10 units
HUD Shelter Plus Care Subsidies	20 units

(Note: The remaining 21 units are rented at rent levels required by the Tax Credits.)

Services (Annual)

HUD Supportive Housing Program	\$ 150,000
Illinois Department of Human Services	\$ 150,000

About Mercy Housing Lakefront

In January 2006, Lakefront Supportive Housing joined with Mercy Housing to create Mercy Housing Lakefront. Mercy Housing Lakefront seeks to create a more humane world, in which poverty and homelessness are alleviated, communities are healthy, and people can develop to their full potential.

About CSH

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