Maine Senior Affordable Housing

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- Types of Affordable Housing
- Avesta Housing Developments
- Subsidized Housing
- Market Rent & Tax Credit Housing
- Wait List
- Housing Choices for Seniors
- Future



Affordable Housing Approaches

- 1. Project Based Housing Provide housing units that cost less.
- Tenant Based Housing Provide vouchers to lower income households and they can use the voucher to help pay the rent charged by the landlord.



Households Assisted with Vouchers







Affordable Housing Units





Developed in partnership with Brunswick Housing Authority in 2007. 40 Units 1

Creekside, Brunswick





Little Falls Landing, South Windham





Unity Gardens, Windham





Five Graham Street, Biddeford







Jordan Bay Place, Raymond





Kallock Terrace, Saco





Ridgewood, Gorham





Stonecrest, Standish





Pinebluff, Kennebunk



Older Subsidized Housing Programs

- HUD Section 8
- HUD 202
- Rural Development 515



Rent Calculation

Typical Subsidized Housing Resident

Rent Per Unit Resident Income \$ 900.00 \$ 15,000.00

Resident Rent Calculation

\$15,000.00 ÷ 12 months = \$1250.00 per month income \$1250.00 x 30% = \$375.00

Subsidy Calculation

\$900.00	Monthly Rent	
\$ <u>375.00</u>	Resident Rent	
\$525.00	HAP Sudsidy	



Policy Shift

- Early 90's
- Develop less new subsidized housing
- Focus on affordability
- Provide less subsidy
- Serve people with higher income



Newer Affordable Housing Programs

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- HUD 202 Less
- Rural Development 515 Less



Market Rent & Tax Credit Housing

Market Rate Scenario

Project Cost =	\$3,200,000	
Downpayment =	\$ 640,000	
Loan Amount =	\$2,560,000	
Cost of Debt =	\$850/month/unit	
Operations =	\$500/month/unit	
Vacancy Loss =	5%	
Rent Needed =	\$1,418	

Tax Credit Scenario

Project Cost =	\$3,200,000	
Tax Credit Equity/ Grants =	\$2,800,000	
Loan Amount =	\$ 400,000	
Cost of Debt =	\$120/month/unit	
Operations =	\$600/month/unit	
Vacancy Loss =	5%	
Rent Needed =	\$756	



Four Types of Housing

Project Based

•	Market	Rent =	\$1418
•	Tax Credit	Rent =	756

• Subsidized Rent = 375

Tenant Based

Rent = 30% of adjusted income





Kallock Terrace, Saco Units = 20 Waiting List = 223



Stonecrest, Standish Units = 12 Waiting List = 85







Pinebluff, Kennebunk Units = 24 Waiting List = 129



Unity Gardens, Windham Units = 48 Waiting List = 236



Emerging Poor Seniors

Age 55 – 65

Homeowners - 84,498 Median Income - \$52,140 Incomes less than \$26,070 = 26,921

Renters – 17,753 Median Income - \$25,464 Incomes less than \$12,732 = 7,332



People on Wait List

Rent for a One-Bedroom Tax Credit Unit equals \$657.

Question: How many can afford \$657?

Answer: 20% 80% cannot afford to pay the tax credit rent.



Inn at Village Square, Gorham

- 37 Units
- Current Occupancy

→ 20 MaineCare (Low Income Residents/\$91 Per Day)

···••17 Private Pay (\$151 Per Day)

- Current Wait List
 - → 36 Private Pay
 - ---→ 197 MaineCare



Assisted Living Facility





















• If a Senior Household has \$ they have choices of where they live or when they move

• Low Income Senior Households have fewer choices and longer waits



What's Necessary

Policy Shifts are necessary

- •More Project Based subsidized housing for Seniors
- •More Vouchers targeted to Seniors
- •More creativity in using equity
- •More Home Based Assistance
- •Preserve our existing subsidized housing



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