

Hope Village

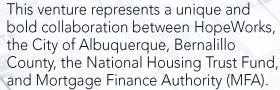
42 Units of Permanent Supportive Housing

When the first of 42 residents begin moving into Hope Village in downtown Albuquerque later this month, it will be the culmination of a bold step forward in New Mexico: the state's first newly-constructed, single-site permanent supportive housing development for those experiencing chronic homelessness.

Four years ago, HopeWorks' visionary leadership recognized the opportunity to work collaboratively to meet an unmet need – the creation of new housing for individuals who need permanent housing with supportive services onsite. This best practice model of single-site, permanent supportive housing combines affordable housing with wraparound services to help those who are homeless obtain housing,

mental stability, and self-sufficiency. Residents will have access to all the supports they need (mental/behavioral health services, therapy, basic needs, medication management, etc.) right where they live.

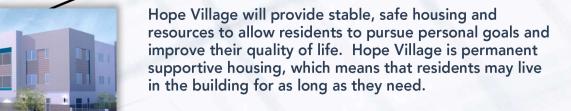
Located adjacent to HopeWorks' current Day Shelter and Therapy building, this 42-unit apartment building is three stories, with the ground floor being utilized for mental/behavioral health services, offices, and engagement space/gathering areas for the clients. The second and third floors include 405-square feet, one-bedroom units, designed to be both ADA-accessible and have universal, trauma informed design features. These upper floors also feature resident gathering spaces and laundry areas. Outdoor amenities include parking, landscaping, and a courtyard for residents.



Critical partners on the project also include YES Housing, Mullen Heller Architects, and Consensus Planning.









A Thoughtful Floorplan

By the HopeWorks Trauma Informed Care Committee

At HopeWorks, we understand how the population we serve is greatly impacted by trauma. Trauma is unique to the individual and is often caused by the intersection of a variety of circumstances. These can include emotional, sexual, and physical abuse, as well as exploitation, community violence, and traumatic loss. For our population, trauma and homelessness often go hand in hand; trauma can lead to homelessness, and the experience of homelessness can further compound trauma. As an agency, HopeWorks seeks to be trauma informed through implementation of strategies that protect the physical, emotional, and mental health of the people we serve and our staff who support them.

At Hope Village, we have honored the principals of trauma informed care in the very architecture of the building, including clear lines of sight from apartment doorways and open floor plans that minimize possible triggers. Hope Village will provide consistent access to support for the most vulnerable of our population, while providing each resident the autonomy they deserve.

What's Next?

Hope Village is phase one of an integrated campus project, the first of its kind in New Mexico.

New Therapy Space

The next phase is the renovation of the 'old' Lilly Barrack warehouse. This space will soon house individual and group therapy rooms and offices for our expanding behavioral health programs.

The HopeWorks Dream Team

Abby Long, Hope Village Program Director

Every day at HopeWorks is different. As the Hope Village Program Director, my days are filled with doing whatever needs to get done to move the project forward and ensure that the Hope Village program will provide support and the sense of belonging that our community members experiencing chronic homelessness need to thrive. It has been so fulfilling to see Hope Village go from a beautiful dream to a reality.

I love this work because I get to bring all of me. I can draw from my lived experience, utilize all of my professional skills, and incorporate my education into everything I do here. It feels like the perfect fit. I came to HopeWorks after the last agency I worked for had to close their doors. Since then, I have had amazing teachers and mentors that were able to help me grow and learn more about housing. I continue to learn more every day.

Outside of work, I am an aerialist. I enjoy training to improve on aerial silks and hammock 3-4 times a week. My studio is a place of joy and refreshment. I also enjoy paddle boarding with my dog.

Thank Jow!

We offer our gratitude to those involved in bringing the Hope Village project to fruition – and offer a call to further action. We cannot stop with Hope Village; the need is too great, and our collective responsibility too clear. According to data from a May 2020 report by the Urban Institute, Albuquerque needs at least four additional Hope Villages to meet the existing need. Join us by donating, advocating for additional housing units, or inviting us to speak your group. Contact Rachel at rrodriguez@hopeworksnm.org for more information.

- Annam Manthiram, CEO

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