

GATEWAY GARDENS

1817 1st Avenue N, Moorhead, MN 56560



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Gateway Gardens?

Gateway Gardens is a 24-unit permanent supportive housing apartment building. Permanent supportive housing is housing units combined with support services. The goal is keep people housed who have been unsuccessful in traditional housing.

Gateway Gardens will be a four-story apartment building that contains 24 one-bedroom apartments on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. The first floor will contain areas for service providers, group meeting space, office space and common areas. Gateway Gardens is located immediately to the west of Churches United for the Homeless Shelter in Moorhead.

Who will live at Gateway Gardens?

In order to be eligible to rent an apartment at Gateway Gardens, an individual must be extremely low-income and meet the State of Minnesota definition of long-term homeless. To be "long-term homeless," a person must be homeless continuously 12 months or longer OR have had 4 distinct and separate episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years. Time spent temporarily staying with friends and relatives ("doubled up") does count as time being "homeless" as long as the person could not stay at that location long-term and did not have another home.

It is anticipated that the majority of the individuals meeting the above definition will have medical conditions such as mental, physical and chemical health disabilities.

What services will be available to the tenants?

On-site support services will be offered at Gateway Gardens. There will be a front desk located at the entrance to the building that will be staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, the front desk will be staffed by a tenant services coordinator employed by CCRI, Inc. who will be available to assist tenants with referrals, information on basic tenant rules and requirements, and assistance with basic needs such as providing laundry tokens, cleaning supplies and transportation information. From 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. there will be an on-site private security guard to allow tenants and visitors in and out of the building and deal with any emergency situations.

There also will be a CCRI case manager on-site a minimum of 20 hours per week to assist tenants with independent living plans and other needed services. Other service providers will be invited on-site to provide needed services to the tenants.

Tenants living in up to 19 of the 24 of the units will be provided furnishings, cookware, dinnerware, silverware, linens, cleaning and laundry supplies, clocks, calendars, telephone access, and transportation assistance. This assistance is possible through the Group Residential Housing (GRH) assistance provided by Clay County Social Services.

How will tenants be selected?

For 19 of the units, priority will be given to applicants who meet the basic eligibility requirements; are eligible to receive GRH assistance; and spend at least one night in the Churches United for the Homeless Shelter. Otherwise eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining 5 units are subsidized by the Clay County HRA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. Preference for these units are for eligible individuals on the HCV waiting list.

Who will own and manage Gateway Gardens?

The Clay County HRA will both own and manage Gateway Gardens. Questions or concerns may be directed to Christopher Adams, Assistant Housing Manager, 116 Center Ave E, Dilworth, MN 56529; telephone (218) 233-8883; or e-mail cadams@claycohra.com.