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Rocky Mountain Development Council Celebrates Eagle Manor Campus Completion Community Invited to Grand Opening on January 11

Helena, MT On Monday, January 11, Rocky Mountain Development Council and a host of partners will celebrate completion of six years and three phases of construction and renovation on the Eagle Manor campus. The final phase of work on the campus reconfigured 44 apartments and brought them up to current accessibility, appearance, and functional standards. The campus now offers 140 safe, lovely, and affordable studio and one-bedroom units to seniors on limited incomes and to adults with disabilities.

Each new construction or renovation phase involved complex funding partnerships. This third and final renovation \$7.2 million project drew from Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) in partnership with Lewis and Clark County, Department of Commerce Montana Board of Housing (MBOH) Tax Credits and Tax Credit Exchange Funds, Montana Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) dollars and construction and permanent financing provided by Mountain West Bank.. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Investors for this final Eagle Manor project are represented by Mountain Plains Equity Group.

Other major partners contributed to the three phases of construction including Mountain West Bank, Homestead Capital, congressional appropriations orchestrated by Representative Dennis Rehberg, and by former Senator Conrad Burns. “We’ve been blessed with enthusiastic partners throughout this whole effort,” says RMDC Executive Director Gene Leuwer. “And we’re especially grateful to Eagle Manor residents who have coped cheerfully with everything from construction dust to temporary relocation.”

“Given the exponential growth in our senior population, we’re especially glad to have finished this high quality senior complex,” says Leuwer. “We’re also pleased to have put approximately \$19.8 million of labor and materials into the Helena economy over the last six

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years.” The independent living complex offers on-site meals and activities for its resident community of seniors and adults with special needs.

The grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Monday, January 11 in the campus dining room at 715 N. Fee Street. Mayor Jim Smith and other Montana dignitaries will help the community celebrate this significant addition to Helena’s affordable senior housing stock. “So many people in this area have made this vision become a reality,” Leuwer noted. “We hope the town will turn out with us to celebrate.”

For information about the full Eagle Manor redevelopment project, contact Jeff Miller, RMDC Director of Community Development at 442-1236 or jmiller@rmdc.net For information about applying to live in Eagle Manor, contact Carla Adair, Eagle Manor Property Manager, at 442-0610 or cadair@eaglesmanor.com.

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