



Yerington Manor receives federal funding for 'green retrofit' project

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The Nevada Rural Housing Authority, which operates the Yerington Manor senior apartments in Yerington, received \$371,661 in Recovery grant funding for a "green retrofit" at the complex, it was announced recently.

A total of 100 affordable housing developments received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding through U.S. Housing and Urban Development for energy efficient renovations, which included \$2.7 million for three projects in Nevada (other two in Las Vegas).

The local project has started with the installation of new windows and HVAC equipment, with Lisa Dayton, NRHA project manager, noting 30 housing units would be involved here.

Dayton said local companies such as Desert Valley Electric and Hardesty General Repair are involved on the project; over \$9,000 was paid to the City of Yerington for permits; many project workers are, or will be, staying overnight in Yerington.

Ownership of the 51 total units at the Yerington Manor (101 S. Mountain View) was transferred to Nevada Rural Housing in late 2004. The Senior Citizens of Lyon County, Inc., donated the local senior apartments property to NRHA, which assumed the debt on the property, according to Dayton.

The funding is designed to not only shore up and improve the structures, but also to make the inside and outside of the units healthier for residents, and easier on the environment.

The project includes new roofs, installation of attic/roof insulation and replacement of many facts of the units/complex, including landscaping replacement from turf to indigenous plants and rock in order to reduce overall water consumption. Plans also include new heating systems for all and cooling components for some, plus water heaters, new lighting, exterior door replacement/upgrades,

new windows, replacement of kitchen cabinets, countertops and sink/faucet; replacement of bathroom vanities/cabinets, toilets and exhaust fans, thermostat replacement, and painting.

Continental breakfasts were provided for those who had to go without their kitchens for a short time.

The program was designed to create thousands of green jobs, according to HUD, while saving money for thousands of residents in utility costs.

Yerington Manor was developed to provide affordable housing for senior citizens in the area.

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