

Leadership in Government, Canyon County

Recipient:

City of Nampa, *Historic Mercy Hospital Plan*

Description:

The old Mercy Hospital building has been vacant for 10 years, but its historic value, sound construction, and central location have continued to generate interest. Several developers expressed interest in the site over the years, but the challenges were too great. The City of Nampa and the Nampa Development Corporation found new promise in a partnership with Community Development, Inc. In 2012, a plan was developed, and after much public input, final approval was confirmed by the Nampa City Council in May 2013.

The project, which includes restoring a historic building in a key location into 50 affordable senior apartments, furthers the goals of *Communities in Motion 2035*. It is located within the Community Choices growth area, does not require a new access point on 16th Avenue, and provides affordable housing.

Promoting equitable, affordable housing is one of the livability principles listed in the plan, as are supporting existing communities and coordinating policies and leveraging investment. Some of the improvements the project will bring to the neighborhood include upgrades to water lines, streetscape and sidewalk improvements, re-creating on street parking, and adding amenities for transit stops.