

LLOYD'S HILLS

Bethlehem workforce housing project accepting applications

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BETHLEHEM - Slated to open in February 2021, the 28-unit, \$8.5 million Lloyd's Hills Apartments has started accepting applications from prospective tenants.

Located off upper Main Street, the Lloyd's Hills development was first proposed to the town in 2015 and is owned by the Littleton-based Affordable Housing, Education and Development (AHEAD) Inc.

On Tuesday, Mike Claflin, who is AHEAD's executive director, said in a phone interview that Lloyd's Hills is one of his organizations' most ambitious endeavors.

"We refer to it as workforce housing, and we've done a couple over the years" throughout the North Country, including the 50-unit Town & Country Apartments in Littleton.

According to AHEAD, it owns and operates over



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Billed as a workforce housing project, Lloyd's Hills Apartments in Bethlehem will have 14 two-bedroom and 14 three-bedroom units.

270 units of affordable multifamily and senior housing in northern New Hampshire, and manages an additional 32 units in Vermont.

Recent AHEAD projects have been the Notre Dame Apartments in Berlin, which involved converting the former Notre Dame school into 33 units of senior housing, and the Friendship House in Bethlehem, a 32-bed substance misuse treatment facility that AHEAD built and owns and that is run by the North Country Health Consortium.

On its website, AHEAD said it develops "an average of 10 new affordable

rental housing units per year using a combination of new construction and substantial rehabilitation."

Claflin said Lloyd's Hills will help meet "a real need" for affordable housing in the region.

Lloyd's Hills is "within walking distance of the (Bethlehem Elementary School), which is important to us," said Claflin, while another major benefit, from a construction standpoint, is that the property can access both municipal water and sewer lines.

The project was originally estimated to cost \$6.2 million, he said, but

because of delays, the figure is now \$2.3 million higher.

Lloyd's Hills began accepting applications on Monday.

AHEAD is touting Lloyd's Hills, which will have four buildings with an even split among them of 14 two-bedroom and 14 three-bedroom units, and is being built with "green" technology and energy efficiencies.

Lloyd's Hills is wheelchair-accessible and offers outdoor spaces and gardens within walking distance of town, said AHEAD.

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