

CHR GRANT REPORT
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Update on the use of \$2,500 in Zonta grant funds for the Riverview affordable housing location.

The \$2,500 Zonta grant funds were spent for the acquisition of Riverview, formerly known as Woodbridge, a 10-unit apartment building located off of Periwinkle Way. When CHR first acquired the building, 25% of the units were composed of female tenant households. Since the building was purchased, composition of the units has changed from 25% female-occupied to 40%, with one unit unoccupied at this time and under renovation.

Currently, one-half of the 10 units have been remodeled and upgraded, including new ceramic tile on the floors, new baths with new fixtures, tile and cabinets, and new kitchens including new appliances, fixtures, cabinets and counter tops. New hurricane windows have been ordered and will be installed over the next 60 days. Then new vinyl siding will cover the exterior of the building.

Other improvements include new HVAC units in each refurbished apartment. All units will have new heat/air conditioning units when the remodeling work is completed. Formerly there was no heat in any of the units in the building. CHR has upgraded to water saver toilets, and new energy-efficient appliances as well. New aluminum and screening has been completed on the lower level of the lanai area, and work will begin on the upper portion this spring. Also, additional grant applications for funding for a new metal roof have been submitted.

In a few short months, what was one of the few blighted and deteriorating structures on Sanibel will be converted to a modern, "green", hurricane prepared, aesthetically pleasing, much improved multi-family workforce housing building.

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