

United States Department of Agriculture

Arkansas - Rural Development

PARIS APARTMENTS

PARIS APARTMENTS, PARIS, AR RECEIVES \$857,085 IN MPR FUNDS

Outline Of Need:

With assistance from the U.S.D.A - Rural Development, Paris Apartments, recently received \$857,085 in USDA, RD MPR funds along with \$50,000 in NeighborWorks America funds to complete a one year remodeling of the project. Apartments were originally built in 1979. This remodeling has been the most extensive since the units were built. The remodeling included work on all nine buildings consisting of 24 apartments. New roofs were installed on each building. Each unit had new sheetrock, interior/exterior doors, bathrooms, new kitchen with appliances, laminate flooring throughout, wall; ceiling all trim painted, ceiling fans, and new hardware throughout. Entire complex had new HVAC installed and new water heaters in each unit. Existing office was enlarged to include new laundry with energy efficient washers and dryers. During the remodel, two handicap accessible units were added.



Photos of the completed remodel, paved parking lot and new gazebo, Paris Apartments, Paris, AR.

Once the construction project began, current tenants were moved to unoccupied units or moved temporarily. Since the completion, all 24 units are occupied. The units are owned by Universal Housing and Development Corporation, which is headquartered in Russellville, AR and serves a nine-county area. During the celebration, an open house was held, lunch was served and there were drawings for door prizes.

How Rural Development Helped: The Multi-Family Housing Loan Program assisted in providing the funds for the rehabilitation of Paris Apartments.

The USDA - Rural Development Multi-Family Housing program is to provide adequate, affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary rental units for very low, low and moderate income households in rural areas.

Fast Facts

Program: Multi-Family Housing

Date: September, 2017, completion date.

Congressional District: Senator John Boozman and Senator Tom Cotton; Congressman Bruce Westerman, District 4

Demographics:

City of Paris, Logan County, Arkansas.

Impact:

- New Energy Efficient Housing
- Job Creation.

The Results:

Universal Housing Development Corp has been assisting tenants with affordable apartment complexes since 1979. They take pride in being **customer-oriented** and offer Home Ownership Education and counseling to tenants in becoming a successful homeowner.