

SAVE THE SOLDIERS HOME PRESERVATION PROJECT

Every hero deserves a home

The Milwaukee VA Soldiers Home Historic District (Soldiers Home) on the grounds of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center is a National Historic Landmark District, and one of Milwaukee's most important historic assets.

As part of an Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), The Alexander Company and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee are leading a team that has been chosen by the VA to restore and rehabilitate six of the District's buildings. Under the proposal, the buildings will be renovated to include a total of 101 supportive housing units for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

It is now our turn to restore this historic campus to the purpose for which it was intended – the service of veterans – and we are in the home stretch.

PROJECT DETAILS

- Adaptive reuse of six historic buildings
- Preservation of interior and exterior historic features
- 101 housing units for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Community space for veterans and on-site veteran supportive services

PROJECT COST

The total cost is \$40 million. Proposed funding sources include: Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Federal and State Historic Tax Credits, grants, fundraising and other soft financing options.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- **The Alexander Company:** Project Developer
- **The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee:** Facility Operator
- **Center for Veterans Issues:** Supportive Resident Service Provider
- **Uihlein Wilson Architects:** Architect for Old Main (Building 2) and the duplexes (Buildings 14, 18, 19 and 62)
- **JP Cullen:** General Contractor
- **Quorum Architects:** Architect for the Administration Building (Building 1)

WHAT SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VETERANS?

- Case management
- Educational training and employment assistance
- Benefits assistance
- Temporary financial assistance
- Peer-to-peer counseling
- Recreational activities
- Transportation assistance
- Independent living skills training, including: cleaning, meal planning and preparation, laundry and personal finance
- Wellness programs
- Sobriety maintenance
- Nutritional support
- Outpatient clinical referrals
- Referrals to partner organizations