

**Hilltop Square Regional Housing Campus**  
**Frequently Asked Questions/Talking Points**  
**April 2025**

1. ***Can families with small children move in here?*** No. There will be 23-Units available for people who are age 55+ (specific age requirements).
  - a. *There will be 5 subsidized units for people 55+ who need rental assistance.*
2. ***I heard there are homeless units? What does that mean?*** In order to secure additional points and hopefully get funded, we added 4 units available for individuals who are homeless. However, those homeless individuals must still be 55+. They must also meet the following criteria:
  - a. *Must pass background check, no felonies convictions which include harm against another person (assault), felony sex offenders, etc.*
  - b. *Must place a homeless person in the unit within 60 days or the unit is no longer available for a homeless household.*
  - c. *A service provider will be hired to do case management with homeless households.*
3. ***What does subsidized housing mean? What does income-based housing mean?*** Subsidized housing means there is rental assistance for households who cannot afford to pay the proposed rents. There are 5 units of subsidized housing proposed at this property. Income based housing means the applicants must meet certain incomes levels to live at the property. This pertains to all 23 units. The 2024, 30% income levels range from \$19,260 for one person to \$24,480 for two people. The 60% income levels range from \$38,520 for one person to \$49,500 for two people annually. Rent included: heat, hot water, trash, water/sewer. Renters responsibility: electric, telephone, and cable.
4. ***Is this just housing for Eagle Bend residents?*** Absolutely NOT! This is a **Regional Rural** Housing Campus for anyone age 55+ and the surrounding communities. \*There is currently a waiting list. Contact Twila Pierce to sign up: [tpierce@midwestinfo.net](mailto:tpierce@midwestinfo.net)
5. ***What makes Hilltop Square so unique?*** This building is on the National Historical Registry. We propose to repurpose a 1942 WPA school for multi-faceted housing units. Tenants will have access to Hilltop Regional Kitchen for meals & socialization; community resources; fitness & services; future expansion Arts/Theatre.
6. ***I donated money to the Hilltop Square project. Where is it?*** If you donated cash/check to the project as a part of past fundraising efforts, that money is secured in the Eagle Bend Area Development Corporation account earmarked for Hilltop Square. Any future donations will be added to this fund. If you pledged funds towards the previous grant application, we would need a new signed pledge form with funds payable AFTER grant is awarded or by July 2026.

**Questions?**

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