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# Model Group buys 13 properties for affordable housing project

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Model Group acquired 13 properties in the West End this month for its proposed Abigail Apartments affordable housing project.

The \$14 million scattered-site development includes the historic renovation of 71 units in 14 multi-family buildings. The buildings are on Baymiller, Freeman, Colerain and several other streets throughout the West End, an inner-city neighborhood northwest of downtown.

Abigail Apartments LP paid a total of about \$1 million for the properties.

A project summary issued by Walnut Hills-based Model Group describes it as "a complete gut rehab of existing affordable units that are in disrepair into quality apartments that will be indistinguishable from market-rate units."

The units are in need of new plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and electrical systems, it said. Leasing is expected to be completed by October 2013, it said. The West End Community Council expressed its support for the development.

As [the Business Courier reported on Aug. 10](#), Model Group recently acquired the St. Leger Apartments in Evanston for \$2.7 million. It plans to turn that 81-unit, three-story complex into 26 family-style apartments as part of a larger community effort to transform the crime-ridden Five Points commercial district at the intersection of Montgomery, Woodburn and Gilbert avenues.

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