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Developer rehabbing vacant Over-the-Rhine building into senior housing



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An Over-the-Rhine building that has been vacant for decades will be turned into 15 senior housing apartments.

The Model Group starts renovation of the building, located at 1500 Elm St., tomorrow, said Bobby Maly, chief operating officer. The building is owned by Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, a nonprofit organization that works to build and sustain a diverse neighborhood that values and benefits low-income residents. Model Group, a residential developer, is the general contractor for the \$3 million renovation project.

"It will be good to get this building back online and have people living in it," Maly said.

The 14,000-square-foot building will have 15 one-bedroom apartments, plus a community space for residents. The rent for these senior apartments will be about \$500 a month, Maly said.

The renovation is expected to create jobs for 75 people during construction and last about 12 months.

The historic renovation will include masonry work, installing new flooring and shoring up walls.

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