

Fifth Ward affordable complex to see \$41 million renovation

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The Cleme Manor Apartments in the Fifth Ward will received a \$41 million boost for its first comprehensive renovation of the affordable housing property in two decades.

The funding is provided through a public-private partnership with HUD, the City of Houston, PNC Bank and others. The NHP Foundation announced it received the \$41 million in funding for the Houston affordable housing complex, built in 1970 in the Fifth Ward community.

"Cleme Manor is a one-of-a-kind opportunity ," said NHPF's President and CEO Richard Burns, in a statement. "We are excited and grateful to have this opportunity to deliver a sustainable improved living environment for the residents of Cleme Manor

Apartments and additional high-quality affordable housing for the city of Houston."

The property features 284 units in 25 two-story buildings. The renovation by NHP will include the installation of new drywall, Energy Star appliances, doors, higher efficiency HVAC units and water heaters, windows, water savings improvements, and more. In addition, a new play area and rehabilitation of the office, community space and laundry facilities are planned.

"This project supports my goal of building complete communities where residents can find good jobs, safe and attractive homes, and all of the amenities necessary for a great quality of life," said Mayor Sylvester Turner said in a statement. "The Greater Fifth Ward is one our most historic neighborhoods. Restoring health to this traditionally under-served area will have a tremendous impact on the people living there."