

New Housing Project For City Would Have 200 Units

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Should an additional low cost housing project be constructed in Columbia it would have at least 200 units or 800 rooms.

Funds amounting to \$800,000 have been earmarked for Columbia by the United States housing authority but application has not been made to the government for these funds.

Under the act providing for low cost housing projects, a limit is placed on the cost per room and cost per unit. The average room cannot cost more than \$1,000 or the average unit cannot cost more than \$4,000.

The Columbia housing authority is studying possible sites for the new project and as soon as a definite site is decided upon, formal application will be submitted to Washington along with plans of the building.

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marked for Columbia would provide for 200 units or 800 rooms.

The act also requires inexpensive designs and materials, economy both in construction and operation, and average construction costs not exceeding the average cost of dwellings produced by private enterprise under similar conditions.

Earmarking does not imply approval of specific housing projects submitted by the local housing authorities. It merely indicates that these local authorities are set up to do business and are preparing to meet conditions imposed by the housing act.

University Terrace which was constructed at a cost of \$750,000, has 122 units.

It is expected that the local housing authority will discuss the application with the Columbia city council at an early date after which application will be made to Washington for the funds.