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The Washington Department of Commerce announced today an award of \$1.64M for the Bavarian Village Apartments in Leavenworth. The funds come from the State's Housing Trust Fund and it benefits seven affordable housing projects in rural communities in Washington.

“We are pleased that the City of Leavenworth will benefit from these Housing Trust Fund dollars. I recognize the leadership demonstrated by the Housing Authority of Chelan County to secure these funds. The award helps us preserve our ONLY general occupancy affordable units in the City.” said Mayor Florea.

“We are excited to be provided with this opportunity to purchase and rehabilitate the Bavarian Village Apartments. It's more important than ever to preserve this much needed affordable housing in the Leavenworth community!” said Alicia McRae, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Chelan County.

“The City congratulates the Housing Authority of Chelan County for this significant grant that assists the City of Leavenworth to accomplish its goal of retaining affordable units. For example, the City has allocated \$80,000 for the Garten Haus to assist with redevelopment and expansion activities. Housing rehabilitation is an effective and cost sensitive strategy for protecting affordable housing stock. The City has in place a multipronged housing strategy, which includes housing rehabilitation. These funds support this strategy.” said Development Services Manager Lilith Vespier

The Housing Trust fund provides support to affordable housing projects that are selected on a competitive basis. “The City will partner with the Chelan County Housing Authority to expedite their housing activities in the City,” said City Administrator Ana Cortez.

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