**Upcoming Events**

The homes are restricted to people/households whose income meets the qualifications. Rents are set earning around $25,000 per year. The income limits increase as the household size increases. There are a few homes that for people earning around $20,000 per year and some for people who are

Tamarack Property Management Company, would like to begin the application process now.

and occupancy this August. The application process does take some time, so our property manager, Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, we are approaching the finish line at Bluebunch Flats, Montana communities are stronger when everyone can afford to live in safe and healthy homes.

**Bluebunch Flats Now Leasing in Livingston**

updates as we create these new homes in Missoula!

neighbors on site layout and building finishes.

our staff and architects, Intrinsik Architecture, to show schematic site plans and ask for feedback from

surrounding neighbors for their ideas.

**Rental Homes We're Building for Montanans**

loss of income. We plan to prepare for more in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling in order to

about mortgage forbearance and post-purchase housing counseling available to support homeowners

empowering even more Montanans with these longer-term impacts. We have also made information

The quick deployment of our debt-focused Financial Resilience Program has allowed us to pivot to

landlord or other debtors if you can't pay your bills on time due to COVID-19 (over 1,200 people

our existing tools to meet the debt-focused needs of Montanans. Those tools are now available online

We recognize that many Montanans need increased debt management skills to become financially

related loss or reduction of income.

**Online Classes and Counseling**

more information about our classes at

Financial Skill Building class has already successfully been shifted to an online format.

by phone, our office is not open to the public until further notice. This measure helps with social

transitioning back to the office! We are taking precautions and following CDC and local health

department guidelines.

We were fortunate to be able to work from home starting March 17. Homeword staff are now

Physical Distancing Protocols

channeling the bulk of our energy into doing our work – empowering Montanans from all walks of life

donors, we are confident in the knowledge that our organizational finances are stable and are

matters and will continue to as we move forward. Our funding comes from a variety of sources and

Our Board of Directors and Leadership team have guided the organization strategically over the past

advocate at the state level for Montana policies that create and preserve homes people can afford to

communities. In our membership role with the Montana Housing Coalition, Homeword continues to

economic impacts have disproportionately affected people living on lower wages. This crisis stands to

you know!

homes. We're pleased the Montana Coronavirus Relief Fund includes an Emergency Housing

In this newsletter we're sharing with you how construction of new rental homes Montanans can afford

to the needs of Montanans.

We started working remotely on March 17. We took swift action with the best information we had and,

unforeseen challenges in order to do so.

Many things have changed since our last newsletter in February. What hasn't changed is our

taking time to listen and learn, then applying our knowledge to increase racial equity. Together, we'll

Our motto is Sustainable Communities for All and we know we can do better. We will do better by

to listen and look for opportunities to come alongside people in the challenges they face.

relate to.

day – through generations – by Black, Indigenous and People of Color is something most of us can't

be empowered without fear of discrimination.

always been about inclusion and equity for all. Homeword is a safe place where anybody can come to

We at Homeword deeply value commitment to building community. Our approach to our work has

Increasing Racial Equity

From the Executive Director