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UMMC receives \$2.2 million state grant

Money will help build new senior housing

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United Memorial Medical Center has received a \$2.2 million state grant to help the hospital build new housing for senior citizens, UMMC spokeswoman Colleen Flynn said.

Gov. David Paterson's office announced the award this morning.

UMMC's plan is to renovate the top four floors of the Jerome Center on Bank Street. The project will provide 37 condominium-style apartments for low-income senior citizens,

ages 55 or older.

Rent will be from \$475 per month to \$575 per month, depending on the person's income.

UMMC has been working on putting together financing for the \$8.2 million project.

"This was a key piece," Flynn said.

The hospital hopes to start on the project as soon as possible, she said.

The money will come from the state Housing Trust Program, Rural

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Area Revitalization Program, Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), Federal Home Loan Bank/Affordable Housing Program and the federal Low-Income Housing Credit Program.

According to the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal's Web site, Bank Street Senior Apartments is an adaptive reuse of the patient floors in the former St. Jerome Hospital.

All the new living units will

come equipped with Energy Star-rated appliances, light fixtures and heating systems. Amenities will include specialized lighting beneath kitchen cabinets and over sinks, varying wall colors for easy floor identification, grab bars in the bathrooms, heightened toilets and clearance under sinks, handrails in hallway corridors, high-speed Internet access, an exercise

room, laundry facilities, an outdoor patio space and a community room with kitchen.

The development team consists of UMMC; Conifer-LeChase Construction, general contractor; Conifer Management, managing agent; Clark, Patterson, Lee, architect.

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