

# Housing project to get gas drilling funds

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A third round of gas impact drilling fee dollars for an affordable homes project in *Williamsport will be awarded Thursday, pending county commissioners' approval.*

The SEDA-Council of Governments Housing Development Corp. will receive \$270,000 for the Grove Street Commons project, a 32-unit apartment complex for seniors 62 and older, county Planning and Community Development Deputy Director Bill Kelly said Tuesday.

It is the third project set into motion when the commissioners pledged more than \$600,000 in gas impact drilling money to the Williamsport Housing Strategy two years ago, which also includes the Memorial Homes project and the Brodart Neighborhood Improvement Program.

"We've seen the progress on the other projects, and we're really pleased," Kelly said. "We're looking forward to moving ahead with this part."

The \$6.3 million project will include not only the facility itself, but also state-of-the-art geothermal heating systems, elevators and handicap accessibility for all units, including 36-inch wide doorways in every room to accommodate wheelchairs.

SEDA-COG and the Lycoming County Housing Authority will manage the property, to be built at 1290 Grove St., after its completion.

Kelly said that groundbreaking for the construction is tentatively scheduled for October.