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New \$15 million residential development to raise the roof on affordable housing for seniors

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Artist impression for the Bothwell Street development at Mt Gravatt. Picture: SUPPLIED Source: Supplied

SENIORS living in under occupied public housing properties on Brisbane's southside will soon have the option of moving to a unique residential development.

The \$15 million project between not-for-profit organisation BHC and the Department of Housing and Public Works will see 57 one-bedroom units built on Bothwell St at Mt Gravatt, as part of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

The units will be offered to seniors currently living in public housing properties that are too large to maintain themselves, allowing larger families on the State Government's housing waitlist to move into vacated homes.

BHC Chief Executive Officer David Cant said the development would provide sustainable affordable housing to those who needed it the most and would ensure seniors living in Mt Gravatt and surrounding

suburbs could remain active members of their community.

"A key feature of the new residences will be a community hub, where residents can meet with friends and other members of the Mt Gravatt community," he said.

"Tenants will also still have convenient access to shopping centres, public transport, parks and medical services."

Construction on the complex is expected to be completed in mid-2015.

Tenants will be managed by BHC, with rents set up to about 74 per cent of the current market price.

Do you have any comments about the affordable housing development at 9-13 Bothwell St, Mt Gravatt? Email melissa.archer@news.com.au.