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### At a glance

**Total development cost:**

\$44 million

**Metro bond funds:** \$3.15 million

**Bond funds per unit:** \$42,000

**Project type:** new construction

**Developer/owners:** Self Enhancement, Inc., Community Development Partners

**Architect:** Holst Architecture

**General contractor:** Colas Construction

**Other funding:** Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), SDC waiver, energy efficiency tax credits, Portland Clean Energy Fund, Interstate URA funds

**Construction begins:**

August 2024

**Anticipated completion:** February

2026

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## The Strong Family Apartments

*N Alberta & N Williams - Portland - Self Enhancement, Inc., Community Development Partners*

The Strong Family Apartments are located at a prominent intersection in the Humboldt neighborhood of North Portland. Purchased from the Strong family, longtime residents of the area, the property embodies a visual and historical significance for Portland's Black community. The site is being developed specifically to advance the goals of Portland's N/NE Preference Policy, which seeks to bring residents that have been displaced due to urban renewal and rising housing costs back to the neighborhood.

The project will create 75 new homes, 54 of which will be family-sized with two or three bedrooms. Eleven apartments will be made available to households earning 30% area median income, with the remainder regulated at 60% area median income. Residents will benefit from close proximity to grocery stores, transit, schools, the Dishman Community Center and culturally specific service organizations. The Department of Human Services building adjacent to the site offers supplemental nutrition assistance programming (SNAP), child welfare assistance, and job search and training opportunities.

Self Enhancement, Inc. will lead resident services and include offerings rooted in self-actualization and trauma-informed practices with the goal of overcoming persistent race-based disparities.

Building and site amenities include a large courtyard, a private play area, shared laundry facilities, a community room, secure bike storage and a generous lobby. The project is pursuing Earth Advantage Platinum certification, focusing on energy efficiency.

# Development program

The Strong Family Apartments will create 75 new homes, including 21 one-bedroom apartments, 32 two-bedroom apartments and 22 three-bedroom apartments.

Unit size	Number of units	AMI %*	Square feet/unit
1 BR	3	30%	650
1 BR	18	60%	650
2 BR	5	30%	850
2 BR	27	60%	850
3 BR	3	30%	1,100
3 BR	19	60%	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>		

\*Area median income, or AMI, is set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determines maximum monthly rents for these affordable homes. More information on current area median income levels and maximum rents can be found on [Metro's website](#).

## Amenities

- courtyard
- private play area
- shared laundry facilities
- community room
- proximity to transit
- parking, including electric vehicle charging stations
- sustainability features including a 105.5KW solar installation