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A contractor installing new windows at the Sunrise Homes apartment complex took advantage of the warm weather this week.

Eighty new windows are going in at the city-owned apartment complex on East 11th Street, thanks, in part, to a \$71,287 grant the city received from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka that awards funds for low-income rental projects.

Each of the four apartment buildings has 20 windows, five per individual apartment.

Don's Building Construction of Grant received the \$48,381 bid to replace all 80 of the original combination wood/aluminum windows with all-vinyl frame and sash windows.

The bid includes all material and labor for the project.

Early this week, windows were going in on the second east-facing apartment building. All of the new windows were in on the northeast building, with the exterior trim yet to be completed. Work started the first of January.

The city's economic development director, Leslie Carlholm, said the \$71,287 grant also includes money for replacement of the roofs on the two south-facing apartment units. Those are the oldest two units of the four.

No bids were received on the roof replacement, however, in the October bidding, so bids will be sought again later.

Also, Carlholm said additional grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka will be sought at a later date to replace the siding on all four apartment buildings.

To help support the upgrading of the Sunrise apartments, \$5,000 from city sales tax money in the community development fund will also be used. All three Imperial banks and the credit union have also donated to the project, and First Bank & Trust served as Imperial's sponsoring bank in the application process.

Sunrise Homes apartments are more than 30 years old.