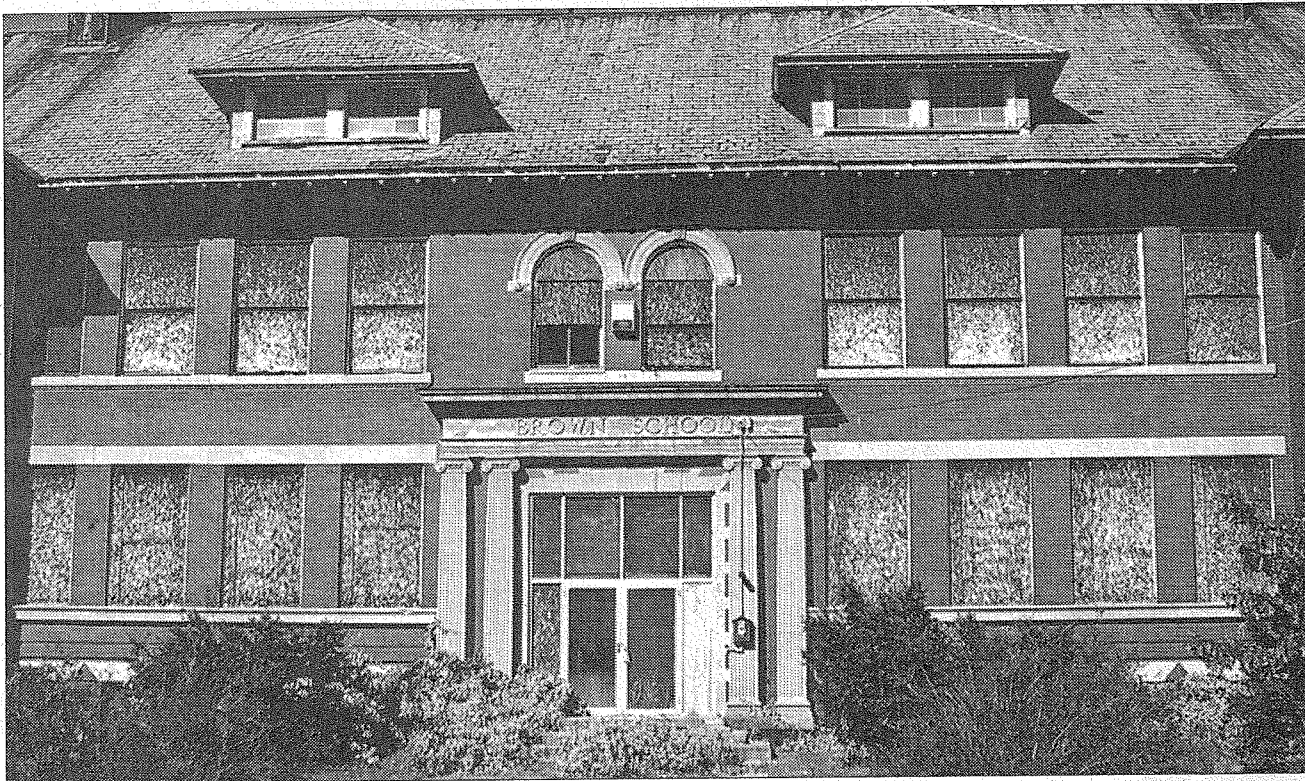


## Ex-factory, school get money

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The Brown School Apartments project, left, on Amory Street on Manchester's West Side, has been awarded \$784,000 in federal development funds.

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## Silver Mill, Brown School projects get financing

**BEDFORD** — The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority recently approved \$1.78 million in funding for two Manchester rental-housing developments, the NHHFA said.

The NHHFA committed \$1 million to the Silver Mill Apartments project at 415 Silver St. Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services is converting the decrepit former shoe factory to 57 units of low-cost family housing for those with low incomes. Funds came from the federal HOME Investment Part-

nership Program.

Bedford-based Eckman Construction Co. will serve as the project's general contractor, according to Robert Tourigny, MNHS executive director. Plans call for MNHS to close on the construction financing in November, and actual construction is also slated to begin that month.

"It's finally time for it to turn around and be presentable," Tourigny said of the property.

The NHHFA also committed \$784,000 in HOME funds to the

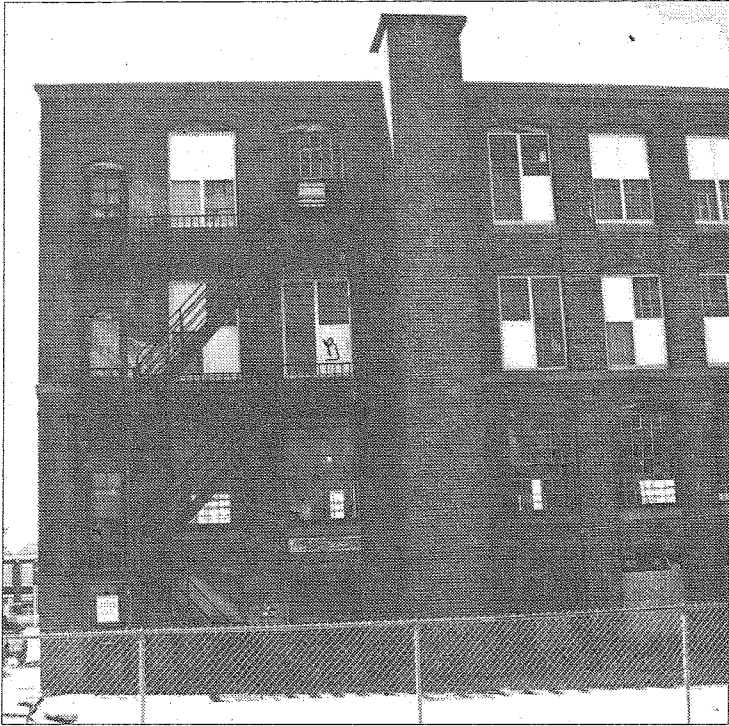
Brown School Apartments project on the city's West Side. The Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Authority is turning the former school into 34 units of housing for the elderly and disabled.

Construction on that project is expected to start in a matter of weeks, according to Dick Webster, MHRA housing development director. North Branch Construction Inc., based in Henniker, will serve as the project's construction manager, Webster said.

Additionally, the Squamscott Block project in Exeter was granted a commitment for mortgage and subsidy financing including tax-exempt bond funds, HOME funds and money from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The project, located along Water Street, will create new rental housing, commercial storefront space and parking spaces.

For more information about the NHHFA, visit its Web site, at [www.nhhfa.org](http://www.nhhfa.org).



**\$1 million has been committed through the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority for the Silver Mill Apartments project at 415 Silver St., above right, where Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services is converting the rundown building into 57 units of low-cost family housing. Above left is the rear of the vacant building.**