

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST  
Form 8-K  
February 12, 2018

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 8, 2018**

**SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15319**

(Commission File Number)

**04-3445278**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Two Newton Place,  
255 Washington Street, Suite 300,  
Newton, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02458-1634**

(Zip Code)

**617-796-8350**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

*In this Current Report on Form 8-K, the term the Company refers to Senior Housing Properties Trust.*

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 8, 2018, the Company agreed to sell \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.750% Senior Notes due 2028, or the Notes, in an underwritten public offering. The Notes are expected to be issued on or about February 12, 2018. The Notes will be issued under the Company's Indenture dated as of February 18, 2016, or the Base Indenture, and a supplemental indenture thereto, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association. The Notes will be senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The Notes will have certain restrictive financial and operating covenants, including covenants that restrict the Company's ability to incur debts, including debts secured by mortgages on the Company's properties, in excess of calculated amounts, and require the Company to maintain various financial ratios.

The Notes were sold to the public at 98.312% of their principal amount. The Company expects to use the estimated \$487.6 million of net proceeds after payment of the underwriting discount and other estimated offering expenses to reduce amounts outstanding under its revolving credit facility. Pending such application, the Company may invest the net proceeds in short term investments, some or all of which may not be investment grade rated.

A prospectus supplement relating to the Notes will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

The brief description of the covenants applicable to the Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to such covenants as they appear in the supplemental indenture for the Notes, the form of which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, or in the Base Indenture, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 18, 2016, and incorporated herein by reference.

**WARNING CONCERNING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

**THIS CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT CONSTITUTE FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995 AND OTHER SECURITIES LAWS. ALSO, WHENEVER THE COMPANY USES WORDS SUCH AS BELIEVE , EXPECT , ANTICIPATE , INTEND , PLAN , ESTIMATE , WILL , MAY AND NEGATIVES OR DERIVATIVES OF THESE OR SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS, THE COMPANY IS MAKING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE BASED UPON THE COMPANY'S PRESENT INTENT, BELIEFS OR EXPECTATIONS, BUT FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO OCCUR AND MAY NOT OCCUR. ACTUAL RESULTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTAINED IN OR IMPLIED BY THE COMPANY'S FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS FACTORS. FOR EXAMPLE:**

- **THIS CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K STATES THAT THE COMPANY EXPECTS TO USE THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS OFFERING TO REDUCE AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING UNDER ITS REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY. THE RECEIPT AND USE OF THESE PROCEEDS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE CLOSING OF THIS OFFERING AND MAY NOT OCCUR.**

- **THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES IS SUBJECT TO VARIOUS CONDITIONS AND CONTINGENCIES AS ARE CUSTOMARY IN UNDERWRITING AGREEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES. IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT SATISFIED OR THE SPECIFIED CONTINGENCIES DO NOT OCCUR, THIS OFFERING MAY NOT BE COMPLETED.**

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE COMPANY'S FILINGS WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING UNDER THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS" IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016, IDENTIFIES OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT COULD CAUSE THE COMPANY'S ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE STATED IN OR IMPLIED BY ITS FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS. THE COMPANY'S FILINGS WITH THE SEC ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV.

YOU SHOULD NOT PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE UPON FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS.

EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY LAW, THE COMPANY DOES NOT INTEND TO UPDATE OR CHANGE ANY FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS AS A RESULT OF NEW INFORMATION, FUTURE EVENTS OR OTHERWISE.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2018, between the Company and the underwriters named therein, pertaining to \$500,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.750% Senior Notes due 2028. (Filed herewith.)
- 4.1 Form of Second Supplemental Indenture between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, including the form of the Company's 4.750% Senior Notes due 2028. (Filed herewith.)
- 5.1 Opinion of Sullivan & Worcester LLP. (Filed herewith.)
- 5.2 Opinion of Venable LLP. (Filed herewith.)
- 8.1 Opinion of Sullivan & Worcester LLP as to tax matters. (Filed herewith.)
- 23.1 Consent of Sullivan & Worcester LLP (contained in Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Venable LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.2).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST

By:	/s/ Richard W. Siedel, Jr.
Name:	Richard W. Siedel, Jr.
Title:	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: February 9, 2018