



CDBG Housing NOFA Released

On June 23rd, NYS Homes and Community Renewal released the NOFA for 2017 CDBG funds for housing. Applications are due on September 22nd. Application materials are available at www.nyshcr.org/Funding/.

Eight million dollars are available in this round for housing activities. Non-entitlement villages, towns and small cities are eligible to apply for up to \$500,000, while the limit for county applications is \$850,000. Eligible projects include housing rehabilitation, homeownership activities, manufactured housing rehabilitation or replacement, well and septic replacement, and lateral connection assistance. CDBG funds must primarily benefit low and moderate income households.

In addition to the CDBG funding, the NOFA announces the availability of grant funds under four other initiatives- Access to Home for Veterans, Access to Home, Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients, and the RESTORE Program.

The Access to Home for Veterans program is funded at \$6 million in this round. Grants are provided to make permanent modifications to the homes of low-income veterans with disabilities. Eligible applicants include municipalities and

non-profits. The maximum grant is \$300,000. **The deadline for these applications is September 13th.**

The Access To Home program is funded at \$1 million in this round. The program provides funding for modifications to the homes of low income persons with disabilities. The maximum grant is \$150,000. **The deadline for these applications is September 13th.**

The Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients Program funds modifications to homes of disabled persons receiving Medicaid assistance. \$1 million is available in this round, and a maximum of \$150,000 is available per grant. **The deadline for these applications is September 13th.**

The RESTORE program (also referred to in legislative circles as Hope-Restore in this year's budget cycle) makes available \$3.9 million for emergency repairs to the owner-occupied homes of senior citizens. Repairs must correct conditions that pose a threat to the life, health, or safety of the occupants. The maximum grant available is \$150,000, and the maximum that can be spent per building is \$10,000. Eligible applicants include municipalities and nonprofit agencies. **The deadline for these applications is September 13th.**

Compliance with MWBE utilization goals are required of all applicants.

Nonprofit applicants for these funds must be pre-qualified in Grants Gateway by September 13th. See <http://grantsreform.ny.gov/> for more information on completing the document vault.

Applications must be submitted using the Community Development Online (CDOL) system. More information on this system can be found at www.nyshcr.org/Forms/.

For applicants for the Access to Home programs and the RESTORE program, **get your application done before leaving for the Coalition's annual conference in Oswego!**

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Bits and Pieces...

State Farm Good Neighbor Grants Window Announced

State Farm grant applications for 2018 will be available beginning Friday, September 1, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Nationally, State Farm supports communities through social investments and countrywide relationships. At a local level, the company grants focus on three areas: safety, education, and community development. For more information, visit: www.statefarm.com/about-us/community/education-programs/grants-scholarships/company-grants.

Supportive Apartments Open In Former Factory

On June 6th, The Community Builders and Unity House held a ribbon cutting for Tapestry on the Hudson (“Tapestry”), a new affordable and supportive housing residence in Troy. The residence, a former collar factory, was converted into 67 apartments, including 19 supportive units primarily for families. Troy is known as the Collar City having been the one-time center of manufacturing for celluloid collars at the turn of the 20th Century. On-site services at Tapestry are provided by Unity House and funded by OTDA. In addition to case management, counseling and peer support, staff will provide childcare and afterschool programming. The residence itself features a host of environmentally-friendly elements: an elevated green deck irrigated with rainwater from the main building’s roof; outdoor seating areas with raised garden beds; and a geothermal heating and cooling system. The project was financed by HCR, contributing both 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Housing Trust Fund, and OTDA’s Homeless Housing Assistance Program. Predevelopment funding was provided by The Leviticus Fund. Services funding is provided through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative. Tapestry is the first ESSHI program to open in the Capital Region.

Federal and US military employees can support the Rural Housing Coalition through the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you are a federal government or military employee and would like to donate through the CFC, please enter CFC code #9614 on your pledge card during the next fund drive.

Notice of Funding Availability Homeless Housing and Assistance Program

The NYS Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) and the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will make funds available under the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) through an open Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was released June 5, 2017 and HHAC began to accept applications for funding beginning on June 23rd, 2017.

Please check the OTDA website listed below and details in the RFP to confirm before submitting an application.

Under HHAP, grants and loans are provided to acquire, construct and rehabilitate housing for persons who are or would otherwise be homeless. Eligible projects may provide permanent, transitional or emergency supportive housing to homeless single individuals or families. Projects targeting populations eligible under the New York/New York III agreement or subsequent New York/ New York initiatives are also eligible for HHAP capital funds. Not-for-profit corporations and their subsidiaries, charitable organizations, municipalities, pub-

lic corporations, public housing authorities, and certain joint-ventures are eligible to apply for HHAP funding.

The State Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 included an appropriation of \$64 million, of which \$5 million may be reserved for the development of projects serving homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, up to \$1 million may be used for emergency shelter repairs in local social service districts with a population of less than five million.

This RFP is an open-ended RFP, meaning proposals will be accepted for consideration on a continuous basis until it is determined funds are no longer available for award or this methodology no longer serves a purpose for HHAC. Funding will be made available and awards announced subject to an appropriation and the approval of the Commissioner of OTDA and the Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation's Board of Directors.

The RFP and Application are available to be downloaded from OTDA's website at <http://otda.ny.gov/contracts/2017/HHAP/>.

Housing RFP Issued

In June, Governor Cuomo announced the second phase of a historic \$20 billion five-year plan for the creation or preservation of 100,000 affordable and 6,000 supportive housing units.

State agencies issued three separate Requests for Proposals to provide more than \$650 million in capital funding and \$30 million in service and operating funding for supportive housing.

HCR issued an RFP for more than \$588 million to advance the creation and preservation of a wide range of affordable housing, including up to \$175 million for supportive housing as part of the Supportive Housing Opportunity Program. Applications will be reviewed as received and funding determinations will be made throughout the year.

See the RFP at http://www.nyshcr.org/Funding/OpenWindow/2017/2017_HCR_Multifamily_Open_Window_RFP.PDF.

Housing Counseling Training Slated For August In Buffalo

Are you ready to take and pass the HUD Housing Counseling Certification Examination? The Rural Community Assistance Corporation will hold training for Housing Counseling applicants on August 22-24th at Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, 1195 Main St., Buffalo.

RCAC's three-day course will prepare you for the exam by covering all six (6) Core Topics that housing counselors need to be competent:

1. Financial Management;
2. Property Maintenance;
3. Homeownership and Tenancy;
4. Fair Housing and other Civil Rights Laws and Requirements;
5. Housing Affordability;
6. Avoidance of rental and mortgage delinquency and avoidance of eviction and mortgage default.

There is a \$150 fee to attend this three day workshop. Some scholarships may also be available. Visit <https://www.events.rcac.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=1091> to register for the training and to apply for the free scholarship. Please register early, as space is limited.

Registration Questions: Contact Mark Wiseman or Christie Marks at (916) 447-9832 ext. 1429 or by e-mail: registration@rcac.org.

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The Common Sense Housing Investment Act

Representative Keith Ellison sent a letter to his colleagues in Congress on June 13th, highlighting National Low Income Housing Coalition's new Out of Reach report and inviting them to cosponsor the "Common Sense Housing Investment Act of 2017" (HR 948) as a policy solution to the growing affordable housing crisis.

The Out of Reach report found that there is no community in America where a person working full-time at minimum wage can afford to rent a two-bedroom apartment, and only

12 counties where they could afford to rent a one-bedroom apartment.

Mr. Ellison cited the report and called for rebalancing the federal government's approach to housing policy. HR 948 would convert the mortgage interest deduction (MID) into a 15% tax credit and reduce the size of a mortgage eligible for the MID from \$1 million to the first \$500,000. This allows tax benefits to reach more low and moderate income homeowners and frees funds for reinvestment into more targeted rental housing programs, such as

the national Housing Trust Fund, a renters' tax credit, and other solutions.

Mr. Ellison also quoted NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel's opinion piece in The Hill: The MID "favor[s] families who don't need federal assistance to have a stable home." NLIHC urges advocates to ask their representatives to cosponsor HR 948. To date, the bill is cosponsored by Representatives Butterfield, Clarke, Conyers, DeSaulnier, Evans, Lee, and Scott.

Hires And Retires

It's been a busy month for transitions at RPCs. New staff include Laura Lacey, who is the new Executive Director at RPC of Clinton County in Saranac, NY, and Anthony Ruiz, who has joined PRIDE of Ticonderoga. Both Laura and Anthony attended the Coalition's Peer to Peer training in Voorheesville, where they were able to meet some of their new colleagues in the field.

On June 29th, retirement celebrations were held for Dianne Chipman at Putnam County Housing Corporation, and Kent Brown at the M-Ark Project.

Dianne concluded her 30 year career with PCHC, with over 20 years serving as co-Executive Director, a period of significant growth of the agency. She was responsible for management of PCHC's rental portfolio of apartments developed during this period with Section 515, HUD 202, and HTFC financing, as well as the housing counseling services provided, including foreclosure prevention and reverse mortgage counseling.

Dianne has also had an important role in serving on the Board of the NYS Rural Advocates over the years, including raising significant funds to support Advocates training and policy events. In this role, she has made a significant difference in the lives of low income rural households throughout the state of New York.



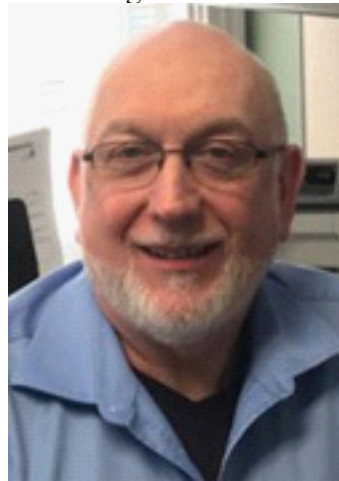
Dianne Chipman At

Retirement Luncheon

During the presentations at the luncheon, long-time friendships of Board

members were acknowledged, and tears were shed. Dianne noted that she felt that she had a family on the Board, and another family in the staff, in addition to her family at home.

Dianne is looking forward to spending more time gardening around her house, and with her children and grandchildren, all of whom were in attendance at the retirement party.



Kent Brown retired as M-Ark Project's Deputy Director after 8 years with the RPC. Kent managed the financial operations of

the agency, and at his farewell party the outgoing Board Chair Matt Sluiter noted that during his tenure Kent had made bank deposits of more than \$7 million dollars, paid invoices in excess of \$6 million,

made 1905 trips to get signatures on checks, and had never invoiced the M-Ark project for \$795 in gasoline for those trips in his Toyota RAV 4.

Kent continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Rural Housing Coalition, where he has filled the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. He is joining the Board of Directors of the M-Ark project, to continue to serve the Catskill Mountain community. He is looking forward to having time to practice on his piano.

Executive Director

The Housing Assistance Council in Washington, DC seeks a new Executive Director. The new Executive Director will be passionate about leading and advancing the organization's mission, will provide sound fiscal management, and sustain positive relationships with the Board of Directors, staff, partners, and other stakeholders. S/he will also demonstrate strong integrity and personal and strategic leadership. The Executive Director reports to a 25-member Board of Directors and oversees a staff of 30 located in Washington DC, and regional offices in Atlanta, Kansas City, and Albuquerque. HAC's two Deputy Directors, the Government Relations Manager, and the Executive Coordinator report directly to the Executive Director.

10+ years working in a senior leadership capacity in the nonprofit or government sector, along with experience advancing housing policy, particularly rural housing policy. Bachelors degree required. See www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/about-hac/jobs/execdirector.pdf for more details.

To apply, e-mail resume, a cover letter that explains how your skills align with the requirements above, and salary requirements to: HAC@raffa.com (e-mail required). For more information, email Peggy Sand at psand@raffa.com.

The New York State Rural Housing Coalition is happy to be able to provide help wanted advertising opportunities for our members and non-profit community development agencies. Ad copy must be provided in Microsoft Word format, and may be transmitted by email to rhc@ruralhousing.org. Ad copy must comply with federal and state equal opportunity requirements to be published, and must be received by the 25th of the month to ensure placement in the succeeding issue of Rural Delivery. Ads provided in this fashion will also be posted in the Career Opportunities page of the Coalition's website, unless a request is specifically made not to place the advertisement on-line.

Career Opportunities

Director of Special Initiatives

The Director of Special Initiatives for Homeownership and Community Development is a senior level position in the division of Homeownership and Community Development within New York State Homes & Community Renewal – the State's integrated housing agency. This position is responsible for contributing to the success of the Agency by actively managing special programs within its portfolio of state and federal mortgage assistance, homeownership, and community and economic development programs and opportunities. The Director of Special Initiatives will be accountable for directing these investments to meet the mission, goals and objectives of the Agency with respect to its activities and policies relating to the following units: the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the Affordable Housing Corporation, the Office of Community Renewal, and the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Development.

The Director of Special Initiatives will report directly to the Senior Vice President of Homeownership and Community Development (SVP) and will provide the SVP support in the management of personnel, external partner relations,

strategic project implementation, and operational decisions as they impact the goals and outcomes of the Agency. In addition, the Director of Special Initiatives may be responsible for managing priority programs, as assigned by the SVP, which cut across Agency units of the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the Affordable Housing Corporation, the Office of Community Renewal, and the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Development.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in Finance, Real Estate, City Planning/Public Policy or related field – and 6+ years' relevant experience.
- Proven track record of expertise in state and federal housing and community and economic development programs and all relevant governmental regulations.
- Excellent analytical, organization, management and communication skills essential.
- Positive, pragmatic approach to problem resolution.
- Demonstrated ability and willingness to be part of a team.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to: Jobopportunities@nyshcr.org. EOE

Housing Quality Specialist

Minimum of high school diploma with some post secondary education. Family Development Credential a plus. Data entry skills. Ability to read, interpret and follow directions. NYS driver's license and personal vehicle required; mileage reimbursed. 35 hours per week. Salary range \$15.42 - \$19.26 per hour. Apply to Delaware Opportunities Inc., 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782.

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Pattern For Progress Fall Forum- Save The Date

Pattern For Progress will hold its annual housing forum on September 14th. Save the date for this exciting agenda:

8:30 AM Welcome and State of Housing in the Hudson Valley

Joe Czajka, Pattern for Progress and the Center for Housing Solutions & Urban Initiatives

8:45 AM Jonathan Rose - A Well Tempered City

9:45 AM Joan Straussman Brandon, Northeast Region Director, NeighborWorks America -

Urban Revitalization: a 4-prong approach discussing Gentrification; National Models on Homeownership - LIHTC rent to own; Preser-

vation of Existing Housing Stock; Working Cities Challenge
11:00 AM Diane Yentel, CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition -

Housing - A National Perspective - Update from Washington

12:30 PM Tiffany Manual, Vice President, Enterprise -

Opportunity 360 - Knowledge Impact Strategy: 5 Areas

1. Mobility & Connection
2. Economic Mobility
3. Health & Wellness
4. Education
5. Housing Security

To learn more about this forum, visit www.pattern-for-progress.org/.

Discrimination And Unlawful Targeting Of Immigrants

Governor Cuomo has directed HCR, along with the Department of State and the Division of Human Rights, to launch a comprehensive statewide investigation of landlord policies and practices that may discriminate against individuals based on their immigration status, national origin, ethnicity or race. Additionally, the state will launch a new campaign designed to educate both landlords and tenants about their legal rights and responsibilities.

In New York, it is illegal to require a tenant to provide immigration status information as a condition to renew their lease.

The Governor's Immigrant Resource Guide outlines programs and initiatives designed to support immigrants and their families. In conjunction with the guide, HCR and the Division of Human Rights have developed an Immigration and Housing Fact Sheet that addresses "Frequently Asked Questions" related to immigration status, housing discrimination, and tenant harassment. See more at www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-directs-investigation-landlord-policies-and-practices-across-new-york-state.

Capital Magnet Fund

The US Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) opened the fiscal year 2017 funding round for the Capital Magnet Fund on June 29th. The application deadline is July 28th.

Through the Capital Magnet Fund, the CDFI Fund competitively awards funds to CDFIs and qualified non-profit housing organizations. These awards can be used to finance affordable housing activities, as well as related economic development activities and community service facilities. The objective is to attract private capital to economically distressed communities, including underserved rural areas. Funding for the Capital Magnet Fund comes from allocations made by the Government-Sponsored Enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and varies from year to year. The CDFI Fund plans to provide \$119.5 million in awards for the FY 2017 round.

Capital Magnet Fund awardees are able to utilize these funds for financing activities such as affordable housing funds, economic development funds, loan loss reserves, revolving loan funds, risk-sharing loans, and loan guarantees. Recipients are required to leverage private and public funds to finance affordable housing and economic development activities that yield a minimum ratio of 10:1.

The FY 2017 Capital Magnet Fund NOFA, application, application instructions, and related guidance can be found on the CDFI Fund's website at www.cdfifund.gov/cmfi under How to Apply Step 2: Apply. The application process consists of two parts to two different online systems. Be sure to understand the application process.



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