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News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN



Empowerment Series Continues in February with Multifamily Housing Development

Be a leader for affordable housing in your community! Next up is Multifamily Housing Development taught by Teresa Prim of the Prim Lawrence Group and Linda Greene of Neighborhood Housing Services Redevelopment Corporation. Multifamily housing development will be discussed as one tool for creating community-based affordable housing. The development process, acquisition, sources of financing, development team, and legal issues will all be discussed. The class will be broken into four days: Wednesday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Friday, February 17, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, February 24, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Click below to register for Multifamily Housing Development or any of the other remaining comprehensive workshops.

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Celebrating our Empowerment Series Graduates

We are planning to hold a graduation for Community Development and Empowerment Series students after the completion of the current Series, which concludes in April. Join us to celebrate our graduates and over 25 years of the Empowerment Series! Date and location to be announced soon. Does your organization want to sponsor the event and support

future affordable development education? Fill out [this form](#) or contact [Terrhonda](#) with questions.



NEWS & RESOURCES

Get Certified to Become a CHDO

A CHDO is a private, non-profit, community-based service organization established to develop affordable housing or carry out other qualified initiatives. CHDO certification is necessary to become eligible for certain federal funds that are available for community development. Only certified CHDOs are eligible for applying for capacity building grants for CHDOs, which will be available later this year. This opportunity can be found on the [DPS website](#), and it is solicitation number 9185. If organizations are not registered with I-supplier, it is recommended that they [register](#) ASAP. [Click here](#) for the RFI for certification.

DOH 2022 Third Quarter Report is Out

The Department of Housing has released their [progress report for the third quarter of 2022](#). The report includes information about unit production, funding, and housing programs throughout the city. The progress report details five new developments and rehabs providing affordable housing. Keep an eye out for CRN's analysis of the report!

ILHAF Applications Open

The Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) program is now accepting applications for assistance. LHAF provides up to \$60,000 in mortgage assistance to eligible homeowners — paid directly to the servicer, taxing body or other approved entity. Eligible applicants include: homeowners with household incomes less than 150% of the Area Median Income, homeowners who own and occupy their property as their primary residence, homeowners who are past due on their mortgage or property tax payments, and homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship directly related to COVID-19 that began, continued, or worsened after January 21, 2020. [Learn more and apply](#).

Vacant Lot Applications Due February 3rd

ChiBlockBuilder is the City of Chicago's new program to encourage the purchase and redevelopment of City-owned vacant land in partnership with community stakeholders. Led by the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD), ChiBlockBuilder streamlines the purchase of City-owned properties across the South and West Sides and increases transparency about the land sales process. The ChiBlockBuilder website features an interactive online map to provide potential buyers with important information about City-owned vacant land such as environmental clearances, zoning, square footage, and market value. Applications to purchase City-owned land are due February 3, 2023. [Learn more and apply](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Rebuild, Restore, Renew with LCDC

Today, January 20, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation will celebrate 35 years by honoring legacy members of the Lawndale community, hearing from keynote speaker Elisse Douglass; a national leader in real estate redevelopment, impact investing, and Black entrepreneur ecosystems, and sharing reflections and stories from local leaders. [Find out more and register](#).



Sweet Home Uptown

Voice of the People is holding their Sweet Home Uptown celebration on February 2, 2023. This year,

Voice of the People is celebrating and making history with a special focus on senior residents, organizational alumni, and allies. They'll showcase Voice of the People's Senior Services Initiative, spotlighting its positive impact on generations of families that have lived in Voice housing and affordable housing developments in Uptown. [Learn more and RSVP.](#)



Want to be featured in our newsletter? If you have an event, announcement, or resource to share, [let us know!](#)

About CRN

For 45 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.



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