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News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN

CRN's Spring Meeting is Around the Corner

Our next Network Meeting is coming up! Join CRN and our members and partners as we gather virtually from around the city on the morning of Thursday, March 9 from 9 to 10:30am. We'll share updates from the field and discuss pressing housing topics including shared ownership and single family housing development. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.



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Empowerment Series Continues in March with Project & Construction Management

Be a leader for affordable housing in your community! Next up is Project & Construction Management taught by Angela Hurlock, Executive Director of Claretian Associates. Creating quality affordable housing requires knowledge of construction that includes knowing how to choose a project team, how to manage contracts, and how to closeout the project. The class will be broken into four days: Tuesday, March 7 - 9:00 a.m. - Noon; Wednesday, March 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Noon; Thursday, March 9 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, March 10 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Celebrating our Empowerment Series Graduates

Help us celebrate the next generation of affordable housing stakeholders and a quarter-century of development education! On Thursday, May 18, we will honor 25 years of the Community Development & Empowerment Series and recognize our recent graduates at the V. Collective Rooftop. This is a celebration you won't want to miss--buy your ticket today!



Thursday, May 18 | Cocktails 6pm, Program 7pm
V. Collective Rooftop | 833 W Jackson Blvd

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NEWS & RESOURCES

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.](#)

We Will Chicago Adopted by Plan Commission

We Will Chicago, a 10-year framework "for promoting equity and resiliency," became Chicago's first citywide plan in more than 50 years with its approval by Plan Commission earlier this month. Guided by three years of public engagement, We Will's 40+ goals and 150 objectives seek to improve economic development, housing, transportation, arts and culture and other subjects affecting Chicago neighborhoods. Implementation will be reflected in multiple cross-departmental initiatives, policies and projects in the years ahead. [Read more.](#)



MUPP Internship Fair

The Internship Connection is a way for organizations to connect with students in UIC's Master of Urban Planning & Policy (MUPP) program. Organizations seeking an intern can connect with students who have skills related to urban planning, including housing, through degree concentrations that include Community Development, Economic Development, Environmental Policy and Planning, Urban Transportation, Spatial Planning, and City Design. [Find out more](#) about participating in the Internship Fair on March 17 and connecting your organization with possible interns.

Applications for FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Open

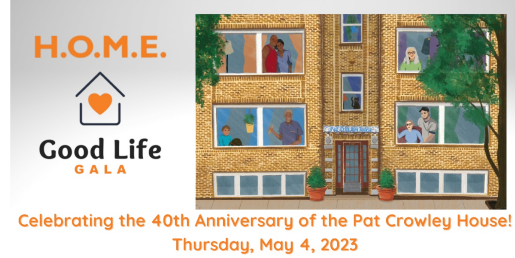
Senator Tammy Duckworth will now begin accepting applications for FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). The CDS process enables Congress to allocate funding for specific local projects limited to use by units of government, nonprofit organizations and other organizations meeting strict eligibility requirements. For-profit entities are not eligible to participate in the CDS process. Affordable housing construction is eligible. Applications are due at 11pm CT on Friday, March 10th. [Visit the CDS portal.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate with H.O.M.E.

It's time to celebrate! On Thursday, May 4th H.O.M.E. will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pat Crowley House with their first in-person fundraiser since 2019. The Gala will take place at [Firehouse Chicago](#) —

right next door to Pat Crowley House. H.O.M.E. invites you to join for this fun and festive celebration! [Find out more and buy your ticket.](#)



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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