



## NACEDA News



### Adapt, Transform, and Inspire! Join us March 4-6 in Washington, DC

What's working to bring opportunity to low-income neighborhoods and communities of color? Find out from the people making it happen. Community developers from every corner of the country will converge in Washington, DC March 4-6 for this peer learning conference. The agenda focuses on four themes: Community Control, Capital Flow, Neighborhood-Level Economies, and Thriving People.

More than 100 groups responded to our Call for Presenters. The partners are selecting the most compelling local solutions to showcase. Follow us on Twitter @NACEDAtweets #PeopleAndPlaces to find out which community development practitioners and their partners are selected. The **\$225 Early Bird rate runs through February 6** (regular price \$300). [Register now!](#)

## Federal News

### President to Release FY 2016 Budget Request

On February 2, President Obama will release his fiscal year 2016 budget request. It is comprised of the

administration's proposed spending levels and policy changes for the federal government, including affordable housing and community development programs benefiting low- and moderate-income families. Then, the focus will turn to Congress as they determine how much funding to allocate to the 12 appropriations committees, including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) subcommittee. This is a key time to advocate for a larger slice of the pie for housing and community development. NACEDA will issue action alerts when there are key opportunities to advocate.

### **THUD Appropriations Subcommittee Leadership Announced**

Leaders were announced for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) subcommittees, which oversees Federal appropriations. In the House, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) will chair the House THUD subcommittee. Rep. David Price (D-NC) will become the ranking member. In the Senate, Susan Collins (R-ME) will continue to serve as chair. Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) will serve as the ranking member.

### **FHA Reduces Annual Mortgage Insurance Premiums**

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) reduced annual mortgage insurance premiums by 0.5 percentage point from 1.35 percent to 0.85 percent as of January 26. Under the new premium structure, FHA estimates that 2 million borrowers will be able to save an average of \$900 annually over the next three years if they purchase or refinance homes. Read the [White House fact sheet](#).

### **HUD Reopens Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule for Public Comment**

HUD reopened the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule for an additional 30-day public comment period. After receiving more than 1,000 comments on the proposed rule during the 2013 public comment period, HUD is asking for further feedback specifically on the topic of Assessment of Fair Housing submissions deadlines. Read the [Federal Register](#) announcement.

### **Federal Reserve Board To Create Community Advisory Council**

The Community Advisory Council will be comprised of individuals with consumer- and community development-related expertise. They will meet semi-annually to offer diverse perspectives on the economic circumstances and financial services needs of consumers and communities, with a particular focus on the concerns of low- and moderate-income populations. Fifteen advisory board members will be selected through a public nomination process. Read the [press release](#).

## **Member News**

### **Chicago Rehab Network to Host Mayoral Candidate Forum**

The Chicago Rehab Network (CRN) is hosting the [forum](#) as part of their annual membership meeting on January 29. Candidates will have the opportunity to share their visions and strategies for neighborhood development that will result in balanced growth for all Chicagoans. All of the four top candidates have confirmed their participation except incumbent Rham Emanuel.

"Affordable housing is the foundation for equitable growth across the city," stated CRN Director Kevin Jackson. "As we come together this year to share in the core activities of democratic and civic life, it will be important for anyone representing Chicagoans to be attuned to these housing realities, to care about strengthening neighborhoods, and to lead with strategies for housing for all Chicagoans regardless of income or race."

### ***How To Talk About Poverty - Research & Tools from Center for Community Change***

The Center for Community Change conducted a major research project on how to use effective messaging to promote economic justice. The research found that talking in human terms about the lives of those struggling to make ends meet, the barriers they face, and possibilities for a better future is the most effective way to talk about poverty.

[How to Talk About Poverty: Lessons from Our Communities](#) is based on listening tours with low-income people in seven states, advocate interviews, and surveys of 1,700 people to test the results. It includes a [Research Brief](#) with key principles for effective messaging such as "start with shared values, especially family and freedom. Don't start with policies and programs." It also identifies words to avoid such as "poor" and "low income" and words to embrace such as "can't make ends meet."

## **Partner News**

### **Funding Opportunity - ArtPlace Community Development Investments**

ArtPlace America seeks applications from place-based non-governmental organizations with a primary mission of community planning and development for their \$18 million [Community Development Investments program](#). ArtPlace will select one organization in each of six geographical regions that is interested in sustainably incorporating arts and cultural strategies into the organization's work. This one-time grant program will provide up to \$3 million in funding per organization. Each selected organization will also work with national creative placemaking experts, a Financial Capital Consortium, a Federal Grants Advisory Team, and a Community Documentation and Research Team.

Organizations serving communities in Alaska, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible for funding. The application deadline is March 12.

## NALCAB Colegio 2015 Now Accepting Applications

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is accepting applications for their nine-month Community Development Fellowship program. Known as [NALCAB Colegio](#), the program's goal is to ensure that next generation Latino leaders develop the practical, personal and professional skills needed to fill the increasing leadership gap in community economic development nonprofit organizations. The Class of 2015 will convene up to 18 fellows from across the country to share community experiences and best practices.

## CFED Launches Taxpayer Opportunity Network

CFED's new [Taxpayer Opportunity Network](#) provides resources for community tax preparation programs serving low-income households. Their goal is to strengthen delivery of core tax services and use the field's knowledge and experience to advocate for public policies that benefit low-income taxpayers. The Network will focus on developing easy-to-access materials, training and advice to support tax season operations. Tax prep volunteers are being trained and certified and programs are reaching out to taxpayers. Community tax programs nationally are invited to join.

## Events and Educational Opportunities

**From Indicators to Action: Spurring Community Engagement through Data** - *Jan 29 Webinar*. Learn how experts use integrated community data systems and neighborhood-level indicators to better community planning, engagement and operations. [Register](#).

**HUD Single Family Note Sale 101: Training Seminar for Nonprofits** - *Feb 5-6 in DC*.

Learn how non-profit community organizations can participate in the Distressed Asset Stabilization Program, which facilitates the sale of delinquent mortgages from FHA's portfolio. [Register](#).

**National Low Income Housing Coalition 2015 Housing Legislative Forum** - *March 1-3 in DC*. [Register](#) for the 2015 Housing Legislative Forum. Learn about critical 2015 legislation, priorities and research for low income housing and poverty. Make the most of your trip to DC by attending the [People & Places Community Conference](#) on March 4-6. Learn what's working in emerging communities around the country.

**2015 Assets & Opportunity Scorecard Release** - *Jan 29 CFED Webinar*. See what household financial insecurity in America looks like and how the 2015 Scorecard advances the call for asset-based policy reform. [Register](#).

**NeighborWorks NFMC Multi-Course Training Event** - *Mar 16-20 in Dallas, TX*. [Scholarships](#) available

## Funding Opportunities & Resources

### **CFED-JP Morgan Chase Community Financial Empowerment Learning Partnership -**

18-month learning partnership focused on expanding financial capability services and service delivery. \$20,000 in grant funds available to support participation. Feb 18 deadline. [RFP](#)

### **HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants -** \$76 million available.

Feb 9 deadline. [NOFA](#)

### **USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants -** Rolling deadline. [Announcement](#).

**ArtPlace America Community Development Investments** - Up to \$3 million available in funding for place-based non-governmental organizations with a primary mission of community planning and development. Mar 12 deadline. [Announcement](#).

**Federations Beyond Belief Compassionate Impact Grant** - One grant of \$50,000 to \$60,000 is available to nonprofits that work in low-income communities and focus on one of Federations Beyond Belief's priority topics. Feb 6 deadline. [RFP](#).

**Walmart Foundation State Giving Program** - Grants for organizations serving low-income needs. Focused Giving Areas: Career Opportunity or Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating. Deadlines: Jan 30, May 1, Jul 17 and Sep 18. [Announcement](#).

**National Disaster Resilience Competition** - Mar 16 deadline. [Announcement](#).

**Community Connect Grant Program** - USDA grants to connect broadband service to rural communities. Feb 17 deadline. [Announcement](#).

## Publications & Resources

***Understanding Whom the LIHTC Program Serves***, HUD. [Report](#) provides state-by-state economic and demographic data on residents of LIHTC units as of December 2012. This report marks the first release of this data, which the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 requires states to report.

***Are Mortgage Servicers Following the New Rules?*** National Council of La Raza and National Housing Resource Center. [Report](#) highlights major improvements and problems with compliance to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau mortgage servicing standards, including pervasive issues for homeowners not fluent in English.

***Aligning Federal Low Income Housing Programs with Housing Need***, National Low Income Housing Coalition. [Report](#) holistically examines existing federal housing resources and how these resources could better reach extremely-low-income households.

## Employment Opportunities

### **Executive Director, Pawtucket Central Falls Development Corp. - Pawtucket, RI**

Collaborative, opportunistic and innovative non-profit community development corporation seeks dynamic new Executive Director. View the [job announcement](#).

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