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## Housing Fact of the Month

Foreclosures in New Jersey take an average of 974 days, or more than 2 1/2 years. That's the second-longest process in the nation, just behind New York at 986 days. Foreclosure activity remained low in the state in the third quarter, down 78 percent from the third quarter of last year, as lenders dealt with accusations of sloppy inadequate documentation and legal improprieties in the foreclosure process.

## Going Green! Blog


 Did you know we have a site where you can get the latest on green building? Check out our Going Green! which assists CDCs in all the various aspects of green construction and energy efficiency. We encourage you to not only use the blog as a source of information but also a place to share your thoughts and ideas. Is your organization working on a green project? Go to Going Green! and tell us about it! Feel free to share any photos or videos of your green projects. Please make sure to include your organization's name, location, and contact information. Check it out at: [www.hcdnnjgoinggreen.blogspot.com](http://www.hcdnnjgoinggreen.blogspot.com).

## Semi-Annual Membership Meeting SAVE THE DATE

The Network's semi-annual Board and Membership Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at the Trenton Marriott Downtown**. Our theme this year is "LEAD to Succeed."

We encourage all members to attend and bring staff and Board members who might benefit from the information that will be provided and who have contributions to make to our working sessions. The Network is currently accepting the following nominations:

### Executive Board Nominations

This year, five (5) Executive Board members are up for re-election, and two (2) slots are open. In addition, the four (4) existing Officers are eligible for re-election. Please send your Executive Board nominations to Michelle McDonald, Director of Operations, [michelle.mcdonald@hcdnnj.org](mailto:michelle.mcdonald@hcdnnj.org) who will forward them on to Elizabeth Hall, Chair of the Nominations Committee. **Nominations will be accepted through Monday, October 31, 2011.**

### Legislator and Media Award Nominations

We are also asking for nominations for the annual Excellence in Media and Legislator of the Year awards. Please forward your nominations to Staci Berger, Director of Advocacy, at [sberger@hcdnnj.org](mailto:sberger@hcdnnj.org) no later than **Monday, October 31, 2011.**

EVENT REGISTRATION COMING SOON! Check out our [redesigned website](#) for more information.

## Land Banks, A Tool for Neighborhood Revitalization

In July, the Network brought municipal and community leaders together for the Summer Institute for Community Leadership to share and create strategies for turning vacant and abandoned spaces into vibrant places. That work continued last week with a follow up session in Jersey City focusing on land banks.

Participants heard about several methods cities can take to transform their neighborhoods. One method the Network and our partners are exploring is the use of land banks. Land banks are public or community-owned entities created for a single purpose: to acquire, manage, maintain, and repurpose vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties -the worst abandoned houses, forgotten buildings, and empty lots. The Network is in the process of working with stakeholders to craft legislative language that would enable municipalities to designate redevelopment entities (redevelopment authorities, housing authorities or county improvement authorities) as well as certain non-profit entities to act as land bank entities on behalf of the municipality. Eligible non-profit entities would be limited to those created or designated by the municipality for the purpose of redevelopment or economic development,

where one or more city officials sit on the board of the entity.

Watch the video below to learn more about the proposal.



NJ Land Bank Legislative Proposal

## Court Blocks Governor Christie's Housing Rules



A state appellate court ordered the state to halt the enforcement of "interim procedures" that would implement Governor Christie's takeover of the Council on Affordable Housing. The Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court issued the order in a case filed by Fair Share Housing Center (FSHC). The stayed procedures, if implemented, would have given the Christie Administration the power to control municipal compliance with the New Jersey Fair Housing Act and to oversee the expenditure of over \$250 million in funds through a discretionary process with no standards. The Appellate Division also accelerated a full hearing on FSHC's challenges to both the procedures and the overall plan to abolish the Council on Affordable Housing, ordering all briefing and argument to be completed over the next four months.

"New Jersey needs a fair process for building and rehabilitating homes that will create much-needed jobs - not more barriers that exclude working families, lower-income seniors, and people with special needs," FSHC attorney Kevin D. Walsh said. "Fortunately, the courts have enjoined Governor Christie's plan, preventing him from replacing the rule of law with special treatment for exclusionary communities."

Learn more from Fair Share Housing Center by visiting <http://fairsharehousing.org/>.

## Network Training Schedule

To register for these sessions, please call Chasity Davis at (609) 393-3752, or register online [here](#). (Note: All National Development Council workshops are available on their [website](#).) Please direct your questions to Leonard Robbins at [lrobbins@hcdnnj.org](mailto:lrobbins@hcdnnj.org) or 973-286-0086.

### Mixed-Use Real Estate Finance, November 1 & 2

Neighborhoods are at their best when "Main Street" pulses with the activities that bring a community alive—residential, retail, entertainment, services, public facilities and common areas. Older Main Streets have special opportunities for adaptive reuse—with buildings that are ideally suited to retrofitting multiple uses in one structure. Cities and towns undergoing redevelopment in their downtowns often view mixed-used development as a way to catalyze Main Street, energizing it with shopping, dining, culture and entertainment. There are several financial tools available for Main Street redevelopment and if brought together in the right way, for the right uses, they can do the job. **The National Development Council, Fee: \$150 Members/\$200 Non Members. WE REQUEST THAT ALL CHECKS BE MAILED IN ADVANCE.**



### Financing Your Renewable Energy Project, December 15, Webinar

Congress has provided a number of Federal subsidies in support of our national energy and environmental policies, including the Production Tax Credit, Investment Tax Credit and the 1603 Grant in Lieu of Tax Credits. A number of states have similar incentives. NDC recognized that these can be used as resources for community development as well as for energy and environmental goals. We have developed creative financing for community development projects that incorporate renewable energy facilities, taking full advantage of all available financing tools. This three-hour online session covers: 1) Financing tools, both Federal and state 2) Deal structuring 3) Long-term project benefits of renewable energy. **Erin O'Neill, National Development Council Fee: None.**

## Cities in Action...Prevailing Over Problem Properties

Each month, the Network will highlight a city in New Jersey that is taking steps to revitalize their community by tackling the problem of vacant properties. Last month we showed you what the [City of Orange](#) was doing and this month we bring you an update from the City of Irvington. Watch as Melody Thomas, neighborhood preservation program coordinator, explains what Irvington has done to tackle problem properties.



City of Irvington on Abandoned Properties

## Federal Policy Watch

### **Congress Approves FY 2012 Continuing Resolution through Nov.18**

On October 4, Congress approved a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government funded through November 18. This extension will allow the House and Senate to come to a consensus and finalize a fiscal year (FY) 2012 spending bill after being unable to pass full FY 2012 appropriations legislation by the September 30 deadline. The CR represents a 1.5 percent decrease in spending as compared to the FY 2011 enacted level. This funding level is based on an overall \$1.043 trillion budget for FY 2012, as set by the Budget Control Act which was passed in August.

### **Rental Assistance Demonstration Language Included in Senate FY 2012 Appropriations Bill**

The Senate included language in its FY 2012 THUD appropriations bill that would authorize a small Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) for public housing. The President's FY 2012 budget requested \$200 million for RAD for the purpose of leveraging private capital through the conversion of public housing assistance to long-term project-based Section 8 contracts. Learn More about RAD [here](#).

### **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Defended During Super Committee Hearing**

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) continues to hold hearings in an effort to inform its process of coming to a consensus on a 10-year, \$1.2 trillion deficit reduction package. [Read more about the September 22 Super Committee hearing here](#).

### **Livable Communities Act of 2011**

This month, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) led the introduction of the Livable Communities Act of 2011, marking an important step in transforming the federal government into a better partner for communities as they work to achieve their goals. The bill promotes good planning and good governance by saving taxpayer dollars through coordinated public investments in infrastructure. Seventeen Senators co-sponsored the measure. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Check out National Policy Updates**

Visit our federal partner, the National Low Income Housing Coalition at [www.nlihc.org/factsheets](http://www.nlihc.org/factsheets), for the latest information on critical issues. Their revised policy information features updates on the National Housing Trust Fund, FY12 HUD appropriations, housing choice vouchers, assisted housing preservation, public housing, housing plus services, renters facing foreclosure, Gulf Coast recovery, and low income housing tax credits.

## Membership Notes

### **Member Spotlights**

The Network would like to congratulate **Advance Housing, Inc.** which has won its case for tax exemption. The Appellate Court has reversed an earlier decision of the Tax Court and ordered that Advance Housing be granted tax exemptions for their supportive housing programs in several communities in Bergen County. Advance Housing was also honored at the Excellence in Housing and Economic Development Awards for their project in Lafayette. Also honored at the Excellence in Housing and Economic Development Awards was **Collaborative Support Programs of NJ** for their

green project in Neptune. Congratulations also go to **Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development** which has been tapped to receive the Regional Equity Achievement Award from PlanSmart New Jersey this fall.

If you have a project or accomplishment you would like to share with the Network and you're a member in good standing, please contact Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) to be featured in our next newsletter.



The Network took part in the Young Community Development Professionals reception at the Governor's Housing Conference in September. Pictured here is the Network's own Arnold Cohen with John Restrepo, director of real estate development for Jersey City Episcopal CDC and Drew Curtis, community development program manager for Ironbound Community Corporation

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daily news articles highlighting members of the Network and issues relating to housing and community development, sign up for our Media Watch. Links to news articles are accompanied by a brief summary so you can determine which articles are of interest to you. **Please note, this service is only available to dues paying members.** If you'd like to be added to the Media Watch distribution list, send an e-mail to Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) with the subject line, "Opt-in to Media Watch."

You can also sign up for electronic TA Alerts which feature funding sources, workshops, and TA updates. If you wish to be added to the TA Alert distribution list, e-mail Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) with the subject line, "Opt-in to TA Alerts."

## Housing in the News

### **Banks turn to demolition of foreclosed properties to ease housing-market pressures**

*(The Washington Post, October 12, 2011)*

Cleveland - The sight of excavators tearing down vacant buildings has become common in this foreclosure-ravaged city, where the housing crisis hit early and hard. But the story behind the recent wave of demolitions is novel - and cities around the country are taking notice.

A handful of the nation's largest banks have begun giving away scores of properties that are abandoned or otherwise at risk of languishing indefinitely and further dragging down already depressed neighborhoods. <http://wapo.st/riBqRk>

### **Freddie and Fannie Reject Debt Relief**

*(NY Times, October 5, 2011)*

Loans are not eligible for debt reduction if they were bought and held or securitized by the two companies, which guarantee more than 70 percent of the country's home loans.

Home values have fallen so much in Arizona that almost half the people with mortgages there owe more than their homes are worth. So when federal money became available to help stem the tide of foreclosures, the state flagged that group for help. If banks would forgive some of a homeowners' mortgage debt, the state said it would pay half, up to \$50,000 of a \$100,000 loan reduction. Despite the generous terms, most banks balked. <http://nyti.ms/nFJqz9>

### **Poll: Economic woes worrying New Jerseyans**

*(Courier News, October 4, 2011)*

Nearly one in five New Jersey homeowners polled in a recent survey have mortgages worth more than their homes, a statistic that is fueling pessimism about the state's housing market and general economy.

More than half of the residents polled in the Fairleigh Dickinson University's Silberman College of Business quarterly survey also said they were worse off financially than one year ago. That is up 6 percentage points from the college's last survey in April. <http://bit.ly/o6gk9I>

## Funding/Award Opportunities

*Make sure to follow us on twitter at [www.twitter.com/hcdnnj](http://www.twitter.com/hcdnnj), to get all the latest funding opportunities!*

### **Federal Grants:**

### [Energy Innovations in Multifamily Housing Funded](#)

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

The Energy Innovation Fund: Multifamily Pilot Program provides support for financing demonstrations that propose innovative methods for financing retrofits of multifamily properties, and applied research demonstrations that propose solutions to longstanding barriers to multifamily residential retrofits. Examples of eligible financing demonstrations include secondary financing, energy-related revolving loan programs, and on-bill utility repayment programs. Examples of eligible applied research demonstrations include the provision of more information on and greater owner and/or tenant control over energy use, the conversion of properties from master metered/owner paid utilities to individually metered/tenant paid utilities that result in efficiencies and savings, and creating incentives for parties that promote investment strategies for energy improvements. **Deadline: October 20, 2011.**

### [Funds for Supportive Housing Projects](#)

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

The Supportive Housing Program provides support for transitional housing, permanent housing, supportive services not in conjunction with supportive housing, safe havens, and innovative supportive housing designed to serve homeless individuals and their families. Permanent housing projects will serve homeless disabled individuals and their families only. Eligible project activities include the following: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, operating costs, supportive services, and homeless management information systems. Selection priority will be given to new housing projects located in 100% rural areas, with potential additional points awarded to those areas qualifying as extremely high need communities. **Deadline: October 28, 2011.**

### [H-1B Technical Skills Training Funds for Employers](#)

*Department of Labor*

The H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants Program provides support for the provision of education, training, and job placement assistance in the occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers, and the related activities necessary to support such training. On-the-job training projects serving all participants and those that use other training strategies are eligible for support, including training for occupations in the health care industry and training designed to serve long-term unemployed individuals. **Deadline: November 17, 2011.**

### [EPA Guidelines for FY2012 Brownfield Grants](#)

These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Opportunities for funding are as follows: Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; coalitions are funded up to \$1,000,000 over three years), Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). **The proposal deadline is November 28, 2011.**

### [Emergency Capital Repair Grant Program](#)

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Funds emergency capital repairs for eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. **Closing date: November 29, 2011.**

### [AmeriCorps State and National Planning Projects Funded](#)

*Corporation for National and Community Service*

The AmeriCorps State and National Planning Grants provide support for the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. Proposed national service program plans will address the following areas of focus: improve academic outcomes for children, youth, and young adults; serve veterans and military families or engage veterans in service; and increase community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation. **The letter of intent deadline is December 15, 2011. The application deadline is January 18, 2012.**

### [FY 2011 Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs Opportunity](#)

*Department of Commerce*

Economic Development Administration Planning Program provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. Local Technical Assistance Program helps eligible recipients fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis.

### **Foundation Grants:**

### [Funds for Health Projects in Disaster Regions in the East, Midwest, and South](#)

### *AmeriCares U.S. Disaster Recovery Initiative*

The AmeriCares U.S. Disaster Recovery Initiative is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that are working to aid survivors of Hurricane Irene and other recent storms affecting the East Coast, the Midwest, and the South. This initiative supports nonprofit organizations responding to the recent hurricane, along with organizations continuing to rebuild and aid the recovery in the wake of the tornadoes, Mississippi and Missouri river flooding, and other major emergencies since February 1, 2011. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 will be provided for projects in the health sector, with an emphasis on medical and dental care for the uninsured, mental health and psychosocial support services, as well as preparedness for future disasters. **Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through October 31, 2011.**

### [Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program](#)

The Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities; planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities; and development of community parks or green spaces. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. **Closing date: October 31, 2011.**

### [State Farm Companies Grant Program](#)

The State Farm Companies Grants Program strives to meet the needs of communities in the U.S. and Canada by supporting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies that address safety, community development, or education. Safety Grants focus on driving safety, home protection, disaster preparedness, and personal financial security. The emphasis of Community Development Grants is on affordable housing, homeownership issues, community revitalization, and economic development. Education grants target public K-12 teacher development, service-learning programs, and systemic educational reform. **Applications are accepted from January 2 through October 31, annually.**

### [Youth Volunteers Recognized](#)

#### *The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards*

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades 5-12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Local Honorees are selected in November and from these winners two State Honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice. **Deadline: November 1, 2011.**

### [Grants Enhance Bank Communities](#)

#### *HSBC Bank USA Corporate Contributions Program*

HSBC Bank USA Corporate Contributions Program provides support for nonprofit organizations located in communities served by the bank in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington State, and Washington, DC. Grants are offered in the areas of youth education and the environment. In the youth education category, grants support programs that educate students aged 3 to 25, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds or from schools in economically deprived areas. The focus of the environment category is on environmental policy development, public awareness-building, education of teachers or other adults, scientific research, and projects to improve the sustainability of ecosystems. **Deadline: November 1, 2011.**

### [2011 Cornerstone Homeownership Innovation Program \(CHIP\)](#)

#### *Cornerstone Partnership*

The Cornerstone Partnership (Cornerstone) is accepting proposals to its Cornerstone Homeownership Innovation Program (CHIP). CHIP will review proposals from nonprofit affordable homeownership programs that have or are building a portfolio of homes with long term affordability requirements and have developed or are building a stewardship program to monitor and maintain those homes over time. This opportunity for funding is made possible by an award by the federal Social Innovation Fund. **Deadline: November 14.**

### [Support for Anti-Poverty Programs](#)

#### *Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Community Development Grants*

The mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education. CCHD's Community Development Grants support organizations that bring poor and vulnerable people together to change structures and policies that perpetuate the cycle of poverty. Priority is given to organizations that work with persons directly experiencing economic or social injustice, such as racial discrimination, long-term

joblessness, or economic dislocation. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The Pre-application Eligibility **Quiz may be submitted between September 1 and November 1, 2011.** (Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit their quiz prior to the November 1 deadline.)  
**Online applications for new applicants are due December 31, 2011.**

### [Planning Grants for Service Activities](#)

#### *MLK Day Lead Organizers Program*

The goal of the MLK Day Lead Organizers Program, administered by Youth Service America (YSA), is to engage youth and adult volunteers on Martin Luther King Day of Service. The program encourages families to serve together to address some of the nation's most pressing issues, such as education, health, environment, economic opportunity, and disaster relief. Sixteen \$4,000 planning grants will be provided to nonprofit organizations and school/school districts that have existing partnerships in the community and the ability to engage 3,000 people (including 1,000 youth) in service activities. The program is open to organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, with emphasis on selected metropolitan areas. At least four grants are reserved for K-12 public schools near military bases that serve a large percentage of students from military families. **Deadline is November 18, 2011.**

Click [here](#) for more funding opportunities.

## Events/Workshops

### **Essential Grant Skills**, November 1-2, Edison

Essential Grant Skills gives you an overview of the entire grants process, with in-depth emphasis on the key areas where even experienced grant professionals often stumble. Knowing how to identify and overcome these hurdles is crucial to your success. Essential Grant Skills is interactive and includes practical exercises. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

### **Credit Counseling for Maximum Results**, November 8-10, Trenton

This high-energy crash course provides homeownership counselors with the knowledge and skills they need to analyze credit profiles and determine the impact of specific credit behaviors on the credit scoring models used today. Through interactive exercises and case studies based on actual sample files, you will learn how to provide your clients with step by step guidance to develop efficient and effective action plans that are targeted to overcoming challenges in past behaviors and helping clients build positive credit profiles. This course is a must for the new or experienced counselor who is looking for tools to make credit counseling sessions more structured, efficient and productive. This free event is sponsored by JP Morgan Chase and NeighborWorks. Click [here](#) to register.

### **Real Estate Project Feasibility**, November 9-10, Trenton

Participate in a comprehensive review of the assessments that take place prior to the acquisition or development of commercial property. Learn how to conduct analysis on various real estate development projects to identify the magnitude of the risk, and based on that assessment, make the decision to move forward or not with the development project. A case study will be used to assess the potential economic viability of a real estate development project. Click [here](#) to register or learn more.

### **USGBC-NJ Residential Green Building Committee Building Science**

#### **Workshop I: The Residential Envelope**, November 18, Paramus

Become involved in identifying key green decisions throughout the design and construction process for new homes, additions, and remodels. A team of industry experts will guide you through the "whole building" design process, explain the science of the building envelope, and analyze various assemblies. In addition, you will learn about heat transfer fundamentals, the relationship of the building envelope to indoor air quality, the impact of the envelope design to the design of other systems of a home, roofing systems and airflow, fenestration design in high performance envelopes, and various insulation strategies. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

### **13th Annual Supportive Housing Conference**, December 2, Edison

The Corporation for Supportive Housing - New Jersey & The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey are proud to host the 13th Annual Supportive Housing Conference "Making Choice Happen." The Network's own Staci Berger will be presenting at the conference so don't miss out! Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

## Training Opportunities/Resources

### **Federal Voucher Data**

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities has published NJ specific data on the federal voucher program. Click [here](#) to view.

### **Women and Men Living on the Edge: Economic Insecurity After the Great Recession**

The IWPR/Rockefeller Survey of Economic Security, like several other recent surveys, finds that

the effects of the 2007-2009 recession, known as the Great Recession, are both broad and deep. The IWPR/Rockefeller survey shows that more than one and a half years after the recession came to an official end, and the recovery supposedly began, many women and men report that they are still suffering significant hardships. They are having difficulty paying for basics like food (26 million women and 15 million men), health care (46 million women and 34 million men), rent or mortgage (32 million women and 25 million men), transportation (37 million women and 28 million men), utility bills (41 million women and 27 million men), and they have difficulty saving for the future (65 million women and 53 million men). On almost every measure of insecurity and hardship, the survey reveals the Great Recession has visited more hardship on women than it has on men. Click [here](#) for free pdf of report.

## In Sync - LEED Platinum Home Construction Process

If you really want to know what to take away from the elegant Ellis Residence on Bainbridge Island, Wash., you have to look past its green roof, rooftop PV array and solar thermal collectors, geothermal heat pump, thermal mass spine, indoor and outdoor water efficiency, and anything else that might be on the LEED for Homes scorecard that earned the 2,725-square-foot home a Platinum rating. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Employment Opportunities

### Housing and Community Development Network of NJ

#### *Grants Coordinator*

The Network is hiring! Under the supervision of the Director of Operations, the Grants Coordinator will write grant proposals and reports in conjunction with senior staff members; maintain funders database and grants timeline, conducting research on new grant sources, and assist in designing a long-term sustainable development plan. This mid-level position requires a results-oriented person with excellent written and verbal communication, project management, and writing skills, ability to cultivate and maintain relationships with funders, strong team spirit, and a commitment to economic and social justice.

Candidates must submit a cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and a 500 word writing sample to be considered for this vital position. In order to be considered, **materials must be received by October 28, 2011.**

Materials should be sent via email ([human.resources@hcdnnj.org](mailto:human.resources@hcdnnj.org)) to Michelle Harman McDonald, Director of Operations, Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey, 145 West Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ 08618. Competitive salary and flexible hours. Learn more [here](#).

### Diocesan Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden

#### *Senior Staff Accountant*

The Diocesan Housing Services Corporation seeks a Senior Staff Accountant in its offices in Camden. The Senior Staff Accountant reports to the Assistant Controller. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, general ledger accountability, and financial reporting, as well as financial profitability analysis and other special projects as assigned for mixed funded housing projects. Please send resume to [Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org) or fax to 856-342-4172. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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