

2023 YEAR in REVIEW

HOUSENJ STATE POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

Eligibility window for emergency assistance **DOUBLED** from **60 months** → **120 months**

THE COMMUNITY WEALTH PRESERVATION PROGRAM allows individuals and CDCs to access properties at sheriff's sale to generate wealth and promote affordable homes, was signed into law.

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS was established under the Office of the Governor

\$80 MILLION allocated to NJHMFA's Affordable Housing Rehabilitation and Renovation Program

\$30 MILLION allocated to first generation homebuyers and the Resilient Home Construction Pilot Program

\$115 MILLION allocated to the Affordable Housing Production Fund established last year through NJHMFA to help fulfill municipal housing obligations.

Continued funding to the **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND** with no diversions to address the state's 250,000 shortage of affordable home

FEDERAL POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

WE SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- NJDCA's Substantial Amendments to the Program Year (PY) 2021 and PY 2022 National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) allocations
- Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Request for Information on tenant protections
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Represented NJ on **OVER 30 CALLS WITH NLIHC** as the state partner on their national policy call

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT FINAL RULE ISSUED

Supported the **CDIAB**, ENGAGING FINANCIAL SECTOR LEADERS AROUND CDC NEEDS. CDIAB: Community Development and Investment Advisory Board

\$2 BILLION Community Reinvestment Act Agreement with **TD Bank**

CEO Continues to Serve ON FHLB NY AHAC, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL and WITH PNC BANK, VALLEY AND OTHERS TO REPRESENT NEEDS OF OUR SECTOR AND MEMBERS.

COMMUNICATIONS

35 Press Appearances

REACHED 45,000 INBOXES with newsletters, policy alerts, and technical assistance and training alerts, and funding opportunities

7 FRIDAY MEMBER DISCUSSIONS with over **500 PARTICIPANTS** and **18 PRESENTERS**

A-TEAMS

More than **60** combined **COMMUNITY A-TEAMS** meetings statewide

156 ATTENDEES FOR LEGISLATIVE DAY featured visits with **20 LEGISLATORS** and in-person meetings with legislative leadership.

45 BREAKOUT MEETINGS between Network members and state representatives to advance budgetary and policy goals.

HOUSING HELP NJ

OVER 51,000 VISITED **HOUSINGHELPNJ.ORG**

MORE THAN 1800 were served through Housing Help NJ with **256 HOUSEHOLDS PROVIDED WITH RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE** through the Network

HOUSING COUNSELING

\$367.9K FOR HUD HOUSING COUNSELING THROUGH 8 SUB GRANTEES TO SERVE 2,032 CLIENTS

Provided trainings for **80 HUD CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELORS** and those seeking certification

VISTA/SCHOLARS

5 YEAR ROUND VISTAS, 14 SUMMER VISTAS and 6 COMMUNITY SCHOLARS provided over **15K HOURS** of service working on:

- Code Red Research
- Housing Help NJ
- NEST
- Community Outreach
- Assisting with Habitat Builds

OTHER CONVENINGS & MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

34 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS joined the Network in 2023

UNDER ONE ROOF the Network's Annual Conference & Membership Meeting **SOLD OUT** with **OVER 325 ATTENDEES**

EXPANDED HOUSING JUSTICE ORGANIZING to support tenants and new members

- Released Membership Survey

Launched JUMPSTART PROGRAM first cohort consists of **42 INDIVIDUALS** representing **19 DIFFERENT ENTITIES** including community based non-profit organizations, municipalities, and BIPOC development organizations from all over the state.

Assisted Network member to apply for the **FEDERAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT**, with member **NORWESCAP** successfully funded. The first organization in NJ to receive funds in recent history.

RELEASED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS & TOOLKITS:

- Out of Reach 2023
- New Jersey Weatherization and Energy Assistance Program Toolkit
- Renter Empowerment and Neighborhood Tools (RENT) for Health Equity
- HouseNJ Blueprint

EVENTS & EDUCATION

Network staff served as presenters at events all over NJ and the country:

ASSET FUNDERS NETWORK PANEL

NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES: CREATING HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO MOVE NJ FORWARD PANEL presented by City of Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & THE VITAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS PANEL AT THE NACEDA SUMMIT

THE ART & SCIENCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 101 PANEL AT THE NACEDA SUMMIT

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CRA IN 2023 at the NJ Citizen Action Financial Justice Summit

MEETING YOUR OBLIGATIONS: Alternative Housing Solutions for Infill Lots and Small Developments Panel AT THE NJ GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMERGING ISSUES IN LEAD at the CEED 4th Annual Environmental Health Summit

ON TRENTON TALKS RADIO SHOW stressing need for additional funding and trained experts regarding lead.

HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO ELIMINATING LEAD POISONING at the Jersey Water Works Annual Meeting

Continued our **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION** efforts with a series of trainings and discussions for Network staff and Board members.

PRESIDENT AND CEO STACI BERGER INCLUDED ON THE FOLLOWING LISTS:

- ROI-NJ INFLUENCERS: WOMEN IN BUSINESS 2023**
- 2023 INSIDER 100 POLICYMAKERS LIST**

EVENTS & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

OVER 150 ATTEND Healthy Homes and Communities Summit, featuring HUD Region 2 Administrator

CREATED 3 ACTION HUBS IN THE NORTH, CENTRAL, AND SOUTHERN REGIONS OF THE STATE (Action Hubs are CDCs local to the region in question being empowered to fund and train their own lead remediators)

HCDNNJ now sits ON THE ADVISORY BOARDS OF 3 MAJOR HEALTH SYSTEMS/INSTITUTES across New Jersey

- LEAD FREE NJ** (Network serves as co-chair of Advocacy Committee)
- RUTGERS EOSHI CEED**
- RWJ SOMERSET HEALING HOMES**

ADVOCATED FOR CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDING to be included in DCA's Lead-Based Paint Remediation funding **FOR 10 NEW ORGANIZATIONS**

Launched the **PATERSON AND CAMDEN NEST PROJECTS**

Hosted **4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/WEATHERIZATION SEMINARS** across NJ