



## Putting Federal Funds and Resources to Work In NJ

### Panelists

**Tracee Battis ~ @TheFreedomGuy  
Project Freedom, Inc.**

Tracee Battis has been in the affordable housing industry for over 35 years. Most recently, in February of 2012, she was appointed as Director of Housing Development Project Freedom, Inc. a very successful nonprofit developer specializing in affordable barrier-free housing. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Battis served for 35 years in various capacities at New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. She served as chief of programs and assistant executive director since 1993. In this role, she was in charge of all the housing programs, including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, and the multifamily, single family and special needs financing programs. Ms. Battis received her M.B.A. from Rider University and her undergraduate degree from the College of New Jersey.

**Beth Bentley  
Federal Home Loan Bank Board of NY**

Beth Bentley is an Assistant Vice President at the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. She is currently responsible for overseeing special projects to enhance the operations of the Affordable Housing Program Operations department. She previously managed the application and drawdown review process for the Affordable Housing Program (“AHP”). Prior to joining the Bank, Ms. Bentley served as the Director of Affordable Housing Development for two New Jersey non-profit corporations and developed a pilot program for New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Her education includes a Master of City and Regional Planning from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Arts from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College. She was in the inaugural class of the Affordable Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey’s Housing Development Training Program and is a member of Women in Housing and Finance.

**Ed Gramlich ~ @Regs\_Ed  
National Low Income Housing Coalition**

Ed Gramlich has been at the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) since October 2005. He currently serves as Director of Regulatory Affairs and previously served as Director of Outreach and State Partner Liaison. He monitors, analyzes, and summarizes HUD administrative and regulatory actions so that advocates can effectively comment on proposed regulations and use final rules as advocacy tools. Prior to joining NLIHC, Ed was at the Center for Community Change for 26 years where he provided technical assistance to low income community-based groups about the CDBG program and the ConPlan process.

### Moderator

**Curtis H. Johnson, Jr. ~ @camdendiocese  
Diocesan Housing Services Corporation, Diocese of Camden**

Curtis H. Johnson, Jr. is the Executive Director of the Diocesan Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden (NJ), Inc. He has over two decades of affordable housing experience with community development corporations, housing authorities and governmental agencies. Accomplishments include: more than \$40M in construction financing; over 400 affordable units developed, management of more than 700 units; and administration of a loan program that produced over 600 first time homeowners. Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Network’s Board of Directors since 2007.