



Equipping Faith and Community Based Organizations FAITH to Successfully Participate in a Perpetually Changing Housing & Development Economy

Overview - Connecticut Training 2024

Houses of Worship, Faith-Based Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and community based non-profit organizations have made incredible strides in improving America's communities. Through financial literacy, homebuyer education, redevelopment of neglected communities, developing and implementing programs for children, youth, ex-offenders, seniors, recovery, early childhood education, sustainability and other activities, they have made visible and tangible changes in the homes and the lives of families nationwide.

Their developing expertise and experience has made them viable and trusted intermediaries in working with financial institutions to effectively distribute resources and serve as a catalyst for increasing market share for profitable products that benefit both the institutions and the end users. Additionally, many of these organizations own undeveloped land that, in the absence of expertise and/or credible partners, has lain fallow in locations that are ripe for meaningful housing and other viable development. As a result, more and more faith-based organizations – churches, synagogues and mosques – and community-based nonprofits are seeking guidance on how to develop meaningful affordable and market rate housing and program initiatives in their communities.

FREEDOM currently provides guidance through comprehensive analysis, training, technical assistance and capacity building. This leadership, training and capacity building is based on years of experience gained through work with leading national community development organizations, financial institutions and secondary market participants as well as national, regional and local market leaders and participants.

This Initiative links FREEDOM and participating partners with corporations, governmental agencies, non-profits and faith-based organizations to increase capacity in developing real property to support affordable housing. FREEDOM'S previous Economic Development & Empowerment Conferences and Training Series have trained and impacted thousands of participants in cities throughout the United States.

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Establishing and/or Enhancing Faith & Community Development Organizations



Overall Goal

Establish training for Faith and Community-Based organizations that provides technical assistance and capacity building to develop a strong(er) Community Development Organizations and Partners, thereby organically producing and fostering a strong regional & statewide network of alliances.

Schedule

- Training Monthly 8-12 Hours Up to 6 Members per Group
- o Dates to be established based on Annual Calendar Rotating Sites

• Tentative List of Topics

- Developing & Casting Vision
- Establishing Mission, Goals & Objectives
- Organizational Establishment, Certification & Licensing
- Project & Program Cultivation & Implementation
- Developing Housing and Commercial Real Estate Projects
- The Real Development Process
- Understanding and Developing Financing
- Low Income/New Market/Historical Tax Credits
- Short and Long Term Strategic & Tactical Planning
- Working Sessions with Federal, State and Local Agencies
- Leadership Development & Community Organizing
- Developing Diverse Funding Resources
- Establishing Effective Strategic Development Partnerships
- Developing Effective Assessment Mechanisms
- Project Management & Reporting
- Sustainable and Renewable Resources Applications
- Program and Service Components (Veterans, Elderly, Etc.)

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Property Development ABC's

Economic Development Empowerment **Training Series**

One Year Place-Based Training Cont'd





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Partial List of Confirmed Training Organizations

APD Solutions - CEDF - CT DOB - CT Fair Housing Center - CHFA -ETL Design Architecture - Goode Van Slyke Architecture - Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco – FREEDOM, Inc. – Latitude Learning - NHS New Haven - Urban Green Development, LLC

Tentative Program Timeline

1/03/2024 - Finalize Structure, Roles & Program Schedule 1/15/2024 - Formal Program Announcement 1/16/24 -2/05/24 - Application-Selection- Registration & Enrollment 2/10/24 - Session Orientation & Training Kick-Off 10/19/24 - Training Cohort One Graduation





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