

Housing Opportunity, Community Development, and Civil Rights: A Regional Convening

Monday, September 9, 2013
The Ford Foundation
320 East 43rd Street, NY, NY
9:00-5:30
(Reception, 5:30-7:00)

Beginning in the fall of 2011, the Ford Foundation has worked to bring leaders from the community development, affordable housing, and civil rights advocacy fields to share perspectives and work to build consensus on the barriers that have limited affordable housing development in high opportunity communities. We have held two national conferences that have examined the regulatory constraints, financial incentives, institutional traditions, political structures, and other challenges that have limited our efforts to achieve a more equitable balance of housing across our metropolitan areas. With the planned Northeast Regional Convening on September 9, we are beginning to take this discussion to the state and regional level, and we hope that this meeting will foster stronger working relationships among fair housing and community development stakeholders in the region and highlight best practices for collaboration.

9:00: Coffee and Registration

*9:30-12:00: “Affirmatively furthering fair housing”
and the role of affordable housing development*

9:30-10:00: Welcoming remarks

George McCarthy and Lisa Davis, Metropolitan Opportunity Division, The Ford Foundation

10:00-11:00: Trends in affordable housing development in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York

Ingrid Ellen, co-director, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU
Erin Boggs, Deputy Director, Connecticut Fair Housing Center
Fred Freiberg, Enforcement Director, Fair Housing Justice Center (NY)
Deborah Goddard, General Counsel, Mass. Dept. of Housing & Community Development
Moderator: Adam Gordon, Fair Share Housing Center (NJ)

11:00-12:00: Opportunities presented by the proposed HUD AFFH rule

Alan Jenkins, Executive Director, The Opportunity Agenda
Nick Lundgren, Housing and Community Development Director, CT Department of Housing
Willie Jones, Vice President, The Community Builders
Tom Hameline, President, HELP USA
Moderator: Philip Tegeler, Executive Director, Poverty & Race Research Action Council

12:15-5:00: Opportunities for collaboration

12:15-1:45: The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) as a platform for regional fair housing analysis and implementation (working lunch session)

Marc Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston
Chris Jones, Executive Director, Regional Plan Association, New York City
Elaine Gross, President, Erase Racism Long Island
Arthur Jemison, Deputy Undersecretary, Mass. Dept. of Housing & Community Development
Moderator: Erin Boggs, Connecticut Fair Housing Center

2:00-3:30: State breakout sessions (CT, MA, NJ, NY)

3:45-5:00: Fair housing, community development and hurricane recovery

Reilly Morse, Mississippi Center for Justice
Adam Gordon, Fair Share Housing New Jersey
Maria Maio, Jersey City Housing Authority
Donna Blaze, AHA New Jersey
Moderator: Vicki Been, co-director, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU

5:00 Closing remarks: Solomon Greene, Open Society Foundations

5:30: Reception (directly after the conference)