



NEWSletter



MHC seeks Affordable Housing Trust Fund Campaign Coordinator

The part-time, temporary position of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Campaign Coordinator at Metropolitan Housing Coalition is funded for a minimum of seven months, with the possibility for longer employment.

The Coordinator will plan, coordinate and facilitate working group meetings, coordinate and track legislative movement, coordinate with and participate in the Housing Action Team (HAT), mobilize community supporters, and educate the community on the need for a local Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Living wage offered. Interested? Please send your resume to MHC, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204. Please, no electronic submissions. 🏠

KHC awards MHC grant of \$372,000!

The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), the housing finance agency for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, announced this year's recipients of Non-profit Housing Production and Repair (NHPR) program funding.

Of the approximately \$1.5 million available to the program, MHC will receive an allocation of \$372,000 to finance, acquire, construct, rehabilitate and/or repair at least 81 units of low-income housing. The program begins September 1 and all units must be completed by August 31, 2007. The funds are loaned for two years or less at 3% interest and must not exceed 10% of the total production cost. All persons served by the NHPR program must be considered low income. While all of the people served must be at or below 100% of the area median income, at least 60% of those aided must be below 60% of the area median income. All persons served must be at or below 100% of the area median income.

The value of housing units produced under this program must not exceed KHC's purchase price limits of \$200,000 for existing structures and new construction properties.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to: minor and/or emergency repairs, down payment assistance, closing costs assistance, acquisition of housing units, major rehabilitation (including reconstruction) and new construction. Units produced and/or rehabilitated that are for medical, mental health

and/or substance abuse treatment facilities are not included as units of production under the NHPR program. Land banking and site development also are *not* eligible activities.

This money is available to non-profit members of MHC subject to the above stipulations. Additional information can be obtained from Doug Magee at 584-6858. Doug is Program Manager for the Non-profit Housing Alliance, an organization currently consisting of non-profit housing developers located in the Louisville Metro area and staffed by MHC.

MHC thanks **River City Housing, New Directions Housing Corporation** and **The Housing Partnership, Inc.** for making pre-application proposals in order to aid MHC in preparing our successful application to KHC. 🏠

WOW!
\$372,000!

Upcoming meetings

9/20 Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7-8:30pm. *ACLU Freedom Files: Youth Speak*. Film screening & discussion at Louisville Free Public Library, Centennial Room, Fourth & York

9/27 Wednesday, Sept. 27, 12pm. MHC Board Meeting at Jewish Family & Vocational Service, 3587 Dutchmans Lane

10/4 Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1pm. Fair Housing Coalition at Louisville Urban League, 1533 W. Broadway

Metropolitan Housing Coalition

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MHC MEMBER News

Here is what some of MHC's member organizations are doing

Dreams With Wings will host a tasting event featuring wines, spirits and gourmet appetizers from local chefs on Thursday, September 21, from 5:30 until 8:30pm. This event will be held at the Crescent Hill Woman's Club, 2641 Grinstead Drive in Louisville. Jerry Rogers, *The Wine Doctor*, will be on hand throughout the evening to discuss the assortment of wines to be presented. Pianist Stephen Jones of the Moores Opera Center in Texas will perform during the event. Tickets are now on sale for this special event and are \$50 per person. Tickets may be purchased prior to the event by calling 459-4647. Master Card and VISA are accepted. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by calling 609-3580. 📞

The **Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation**

(CART) is asking Metro Louisville to please take part in World Car-Free Day on September 22! Go right now to CART's webpage at www.cartky.org to take the pledge and see who else has signed up in Louisville! 📞

The **Center for Accessible Living**

hosts its fifth annual art show September 14 through September 29 at Center for Accessible Living, 305 W. Broadway on the second floor. Call 589-6690 for more information! 📞

The **Fairness Campaign** will host a discussion with National Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Associate Field and Policy Coordinator Marti Bier. He will discuss the Federal Marriage Amendment on September 19. For more information, call 329-0229. 📞

ACLU of Kentucky Reproductive Freedom Project

will hold their annual event, Create Change, at the Wiche Swallow Rail Farm in Simpsonville on Saturday, September 30, from 3–6pm. It will be a day of fun for the whole family, featuring music by the Reel World String Band, picnic fare by the Wiltshire Pantry, kiddie entertainment by the Squallis Puppeteers, plus crafts and pony rides. Admission is \$35 — \$50 — \$100. Please call 581-9746 or visit www.aclu-ky.org for more information or reservations. 📞

Here's a message from *Cathy Hinko* MHC Executive Director

On **October 10 at noon** at First Unitarian Church, 809 S. Fourth St., MHC will host the second forum on the *Open Housing Movement of 1966-67*. The focus is on the role of the faith community in the movement. Panelists are **Tom Moffet**, **Rev. Charles Elliott** and **Suzy Post**, with **Dr. Tracy K'Meyer** as the moderator.

This movement led to the first Open Housing law for a southern city. The issue is still prevalent as we see segregation recapitulated with new ethnic groups and with female heads of households and the elderly as they become a larger portion of our community.

How do I know the issues of the Open Housing movement are still with us? The **2006 State of Metropolitan Housing Report** will be out on **October 26** and we are adding information on the Hispanic community to *Measurement 2: Housing Segregation by Race, Income, Gender and Ethnicity*. We are trying to understand our changing community and how we welcome or isolate growing demographic groups. We are looking at the poverty of the elderly, a growing part of our community. The focus of the paper is on the Land Development Codes of Louisville and our MSA, where they exist. We are looking at how those policies affect the production of affordable housing. Join us on **October 26 at noon** at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway for the press conference and presentation. 📞

*Here are items of
interest to all
affordable housing
advocates*

this & that

Affordable Housing Trust Fund update

The Open the Door campaign for a local AHTF is asking you and your organization to ensure that the focus of the AHTF is on serving people who are below half of the area median income. Your work has made all the difference! 🏡

Cathedral Commons is coming!

One of MHC's newest organizational members is proud to announce the opening of new affordable housing!

Metro Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and Episcopal Bishop Ted Gulick will participate in the Dedication and Open House on October 3, at 1:30pm at Cathedral Commons, 433 South Second Street. This upcoming event celebrates a community milestone of providing affordable housing in the heart of the city as well as the historic rehabilitation of the Howard-Hardy house.

The location of Cathedral Commons is known to Louisvillians as the site of the former Miller's Cafeteria. On the parking lot of the old cafeteria now stands a handsome 40-unit apartment building with a 2,700 square foot street level commercial space. The old cafeteria building has been stripped of its additions and returned to its gracious 1830's

federal style residential appearance. It is the last pre-Civil War house still standing in downtown Louisville with its slave quarters intact. The Howard-Hardy house is leased to H. John Milner and Associates, the architectural firm that designed the apartment building.

The four-story brick apartment building contains many architectural features and masonry details that give the modern structure a traditional flavor. There are seven two-bedroom apartments and 32 one-bedroom units. Doorways, halls and bathrooms in all units are universally accessible. In addition, two apartments (a one-bedroom and a two-bedroom) are totally handicapped-accessible; a one-bedroom unit is set up for the hearing impaired. Although unfurnished, each apartment comes with major appliances, including washer and dryer, and access to a common garbage chute.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of the facility is its geothermal heating and cooling system, which uses the earth's constant temperature to heat the buildings in the winter and cool them in the summer. This feature should result in economical heating and cooling costs to residents.

The developer, Cathedral Commons LLC, selected Beacon Property Management to manage the residential property and to certify

the eligibility of the residents of this tax-credit financed property. The leasing agent, Michael Loy, can be reached at 759-4559. 🏡

You save some trees! MHC saves some money!

MHC mails approximately 10,000 newsletters per year! That is approximately two to three trees each year! You can help MHC become more environmentally friendly by signing up for the newsletter electronically! Receiving the newsletter electronically also saves MHC money by reducing the amount of paper and postage we use. To jump on the "tree-hugging" band wagon, email Kendell@metropolitanhousing.org with "Switch me to E-newsletter" in the subject line! 🏡

We wish Doug Magee a very happy anniversary!

Doug Magee has spent his first full year as the Non-Profit Housing Alliance Program Coordinator! Doug came to MHC after spending a lifetime with Legal Aid.

He and his wife, Anne Marie Regan, have been proponents of social change for many decades. His experience with and dedication to serving his community are greatly appreciated at MHC! Congratulations to Doug! 🏡



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- Assisting Membership \$25—\$74

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