



Community Development Collaborative  
of Greater Columbus

# 2014

## Annual Update

### Funding Partners

City of Columbus  
Chase  
The Columbus Foundation  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Fifth Third Bank  
Franklin County  
Nationwide Bank  
Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing  
PNC  
United Way of Central Ohio





## The Threefold Mission of The Collaborative Is To:

- Strengthen the capacity of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to serve as leaders in neighborhood revitalization initiatives that meet community needs in a way that measurably improves residents' quality of life;
- Stimulate system, development and change resulting in strong, durable CDCs capable of accomplishing specific demonstrable and significant objectives in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, community safety and other aspects of community building; and
- Promote the community development industry as an effective vehicle for transforming Columbus' distressed neighborhoods into vibrant, sustainable communities.



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## A Letter to Our Partners:

The Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative) believes in the value of community based organizations as instruments of positive change for our neighborhoods. In 2014, the Collaborative continued to provide funding and technical assistance to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to strengthen their capacity to serve as leaders in neighborhood revitalization.

We are extremely proud of the productivity of our CDC grantees: Community Development for All People, Franklinton Development Association, Greater Linden Development Corporation and Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation. By the end of 2014, 21 families purchased homes; 9 entered rental or lease-purchase agreements and 103 additional units were under development. The CDCs also helped to maintain affordable homeownership by providing repairs for 23 owner occupied homes.

In addition to rehabilitating and constructing affordable housing, the CDCs organized events and activities that helped improve the overall neighborhood appearance and built a stronger sense of community. They provided homeownership counseling in both English and Spanish; organized neighborhood clean ups to collect litter; worked with volunteers to maintain and improve community gardens and helped organize community festivals.

In support of these initiatives, the Collaborative provided a new technical assistance grant program that offered individualized help to our CDC grantees for activities such as strategic planning, revamping IT infrastructure and staff training. Through these additional grants, the Collaborative helped bolster organizational capacity and better position the CDCs to improve their communities.

Continuing our efforts from 2013, we worked to engage young professionals involved in community development by sponsoring a networking event and neighborhood walking tour of the historic King-Lincoln district. These events were well received and our hope is that the participating young professionals continue to network and learn from one another.

2014 marked another successful year of transformative projects making a difference in the lives of residents. Looking to 2015, the Collaborative is excited to work with new and emerging neighborhood CDCs, supporting their efforts to make their communities wonderful places in which to work and live. On behalf of the Collaborative Board and Staff, we sincerely thank all of our community partners for their continued investment and efforts to connect, strengthen, and sustain our Columbus and Franklin County neighborhoods.



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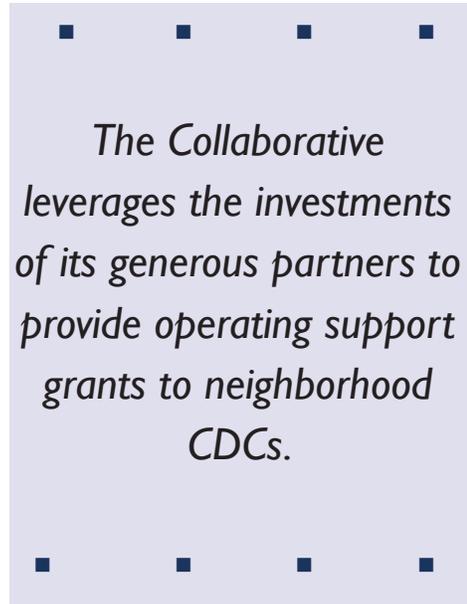


## Connect ▪ Strengthen ▪ Sustain

The Collaborative promotes community revitalization and the development of affordable housing by connecting CDCs with the resources and support they need to foster strong and resilient communities throughout Columbus and Franklin County. The Collaborative leverages the investments of its generous partners to provide operating support grants to neighborhood CDCs. The Collaborative also provides technical assistance through trainings, workshops and direction for specific project related and organizational issues. These efforts help to strengthen organizational capacity and thereby develop affordable housing opportunities.

None of this would be possible without the support and dedication of our funding partners. Through the combined efforts of a robust public, private and nonprofit partnership, the Collaborative's CDC grantees maintain sustainability by being linked with the means to retain key staff, preserve critical programs and effectively develop affordable housing. Anchoring the public sector's involvement in this partnership are the City of Columbus and Franklin County; Chase, Fifth Third Bank, Nationwide Bank and PNC lead the private sector; and The Columbus Foundation, Enterprise Community Partners, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing and United Way of Central Ohio bring invaluable expertise from the nonprofit sector. Through this partnership, the Collaborative is able to support its CDC grantees as they develop innovative solutions to the challenges our communities face.

The following pages showcase some of the accomplishments and efforts of our 2014 CDC grantees to build vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods.



*The Collaborative leverages the investments of its generous partners to provide operating support grants to neighborhood CDCs.*





# Collaborative 2014 CDC Activity Highlights

## Community Development for All People

Strong partnerships have been a critical component to Community Development for All People’s (CD4AP) success. Through various collaborations and programs, CD4AP has been involved in the redevelopment of over \$35 million worth of residential housing on the South Side since 2005.

In 2014, CD4AP continued building strong partnerships with The NRP Group and the City of Columbus to develop Parsons Village, a 56-unit affordable rental housing development for seniors. It will be built on the old Schottenstein store site near the new John R. Maloney Family Health and Wellness Center. Final project completion is slated for early summer 2015. With nearly \$1 million in tax credits awarded to help finance this transformative project, Parsons Village will be a key anchor in the revitalization of the Southern Gateway area.



*Parsons Village*



## Franklinton Development Association

Over the past several years, FDA has helped position Franklinton as the up and coming creative neighborhood in Columbus. With the addition of the Columbus Idea Foundry, the Glass Axis, 400 West Rich, Urban Sprawl and Independents’ Day music and arts festivals to the community, Franklinton is solidifying its place as a vibrant arts district.

Drawing from this success, FDA is partnering with private developers to bring to the neighborhood Warner Junction: 18 three-story townhome units situated in East Franklinton, the heart of Franklinton’s Art District, and less than a quarter mile from downtown. Warner Junction marks some of the first development of new homeownership units in the East Franklinton neighborhood in years. Construction of the townhomes is scheduled to begin in 2015.



*Warner Junction*





## Greater Linden Development Association

Community engagement has long been one of Greater Linden Development Corporation's (GLDC) strong points; whether it has been working with students at the nearby Linden McKinley STEM Academy, maintaining vacant and abandoned properties or leading volunteers in neighborhood beautification efforts, GLDC has built lasting connections with the community.

GLDC had an excellent year in home sales. In fact, all five Linden Village homes were sold or entered into lease-purchase contracts by the end of 2014. This accomplishment signifies an important milestone in GLDC's growing experience in developing and marketing quality affordable housing.

Moving into 2015, GLDC seeks to continue their success by partnering with Habitat for Humanity to construct new single family homes and to explore other new partnerships to rehabilitate affordable rental units.



**Linden Village**



## Homes on the Hill CDC

Homes on the Hill CDC (HOTH) employs a variety of strategies to help revitalize the West Side community. HOTH began constructing and rehabbing homes in 1996 and has since successfully developed more than 100 owner-occupied and rental housing units. HOTH also offers a HUD-approved homeownership education program, foreclosure prevention orientations, and individual counseling, all conducted in English and Spanish.

In 2014, HOTH launched the Landlord Engagement Action Network (LEAN), to support and encourage responsible property management through education, connection, and resolution. LEAN offers educational seminars, rental counseling for tenants, bimonthly networking events and referrals to mediation and legal services.

2014 proved to be a great start to the program with HOTH holding three education seminars, covering landlord and tenant laws, code enforcement laws and fire safety laws. HOTH formed a new partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Columbus and Our Helpers to bridge language gaps and help educate members of the Somali community on their legal rights as tenants. HOTH is excited to continue fostering relationships that will prove invaluable in building a more sustainable West Side community.



**LEAN Educational Seminar**





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