

2022 ANNUAL UPDATE



Community Development Collaborative
of Greater Columbus

OUR MISSION

Strengthening the capacity of Community Development Corporations and Community Housing Development Organizations to develop affordable housing and revitalize distressed communities.

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARK T. MALLORY

The Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (Collaborative) has a rich history of supporting Community Development Corporations (CDCs) in Columbus and Franklin County. CDCs were created to address the needs of specific neighborhoods, centering on housing and community revitalization.

Since 1992, the Collaborative has served as a supporter, convener and connector – providing valuable funding resources and technical assistance. This support assists CDCs in their efforts to transform Columbus' distressed neighborhoods into vibrant and sustainable communities.

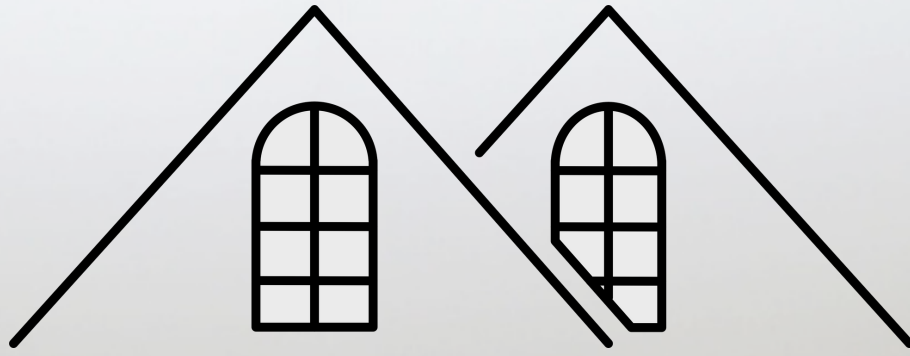
The Collaborative understands that effective community development requires a holistic, large scale strategy and we believe CDCs are a critical piece of that puzzle. With the support of our funding partners, we are confident in the continued success of our CDC grantees.

During the 2022 program year, six groups received funding totaling \$386,000 under the Operating Support Grant Program.

The Collaborative is proud of the accomplishments of our partner CDCs. In 2022 the Collaborative CDCs continued to preserve, develop, and rehabilitate affordable housing units and organize vital community revitalization programs. Moving forward into 2023, the Collaborative is excited to continue building partnerships throughout Greater Columbus as we work to address critical housing and neighborhood needs.

We express gratitude to all of our funding partners. This work would not be possible without their continued support.





The Collaborative was proud to provide support to the following CDCs in 2022:

Community Development for All People (CD4AP)

Franklinton Development Association (FDA)

Franklinton Rising

Gertrude Wood Community Foundation (GWCF)

Homeport

Homes on the Hill (HOTH)

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF 2022, THE CDCS
COLLECTIVELY, WERE IN THE PROCESS OF
REHABBING OR CONSTRUCTING
120 HOUSING UNITS.**

Connect Strengthen Sustain

“Financial support from the Collaborative is vital to CD4AP’s community development and affordable housing initiatives. These grant dollars directly support the organization’s ability to sustain staff who are solely focused on affordable housing projects. Relatively early in 2022, CD4AP recognized that we were increasingly faced with insurmountable opportunity in the affordable housing space. This resulted in the decision to create a new position—Housing Project Coordinator—which was approved by our Board of Directors. Support from CDCGC coupled with a desire to build capacity more intentionally, augmented our Board’s comfort level with adding a new full-time position.” - CD4AP

“The grant program, traditionally the only operational grant funding FDA receives, plays an incredibly important role in stabilizing the overall sustainability of the organization. As a small organization, the ebbs and flows of project-based funding can cause significant administrative and financial burdens. This grant has served as a stabilizing factor in allowing FDA to continue to do the work we have done to support the Franklinton community for almost 30 years.” - FDA

“This grant has helped to provide a significant learning laboratory for as many as fifteen trainees and is making a real difference in the immediate neighborhood where there are many houses in need of repair or rebuilding. Trainees have had the opportunity to see real transformation of a property that could have been demolished and has, after much rebuilding, turned into a house that of which they are proud to be a part of its transformation.” - Franklinton Rising

“Support from the Collaborative has allowed GWCF’s housing program to contribute to the call for affordable housing in urban areas, working with families that meet the HUD low/moderate AMI guidelines and to enrich the lives of seniors at The Livingston and within the Driving Park community through supportive services and home repair programs.” - GWCF

“The Collaborative’s grant helped sustain the largest development pipeline in Homeport’s recent history. The Real Estate Development Department managed in 2022 eight multifamily developments financed by Low Income Housing Tax Credits and nine single-family homes for sale. The pipeline represents 540 multi-family units that will be built or renovated, 56 of which were completed in 2022; five of nine single-family homes were completed in 2022. Homeport’s development staff also organized a community-service day in Columbus’ American Addition neighborhood, improving a neighborhood community garden for residents.” - Homeport

“The grant provides support for the development portion of HOTH. This results in housing production, planning, and general support for the neighborhood through the various groups in which HOTH staff members participate. This year we worked with various City of Columbus Department of Neighborhood staff members to develop action steps included in the Envision Hilltop plan. This includes a projected homeowner repair program in addition to our normal development activities.” - HOTH

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

South End Café

Throughout 2022 Community Development for All People has been working to launch the South End Café, which is intended to help fill the gap in access to healthy foods and community gathering space on the far South Side, while also serving as a workforce development hub, focused on hiring individuals with limited traditional employment histories. The café will be located on the first floor of the South End Hotel, which is being renovated to provide 24 affordable efficiency style units.



Southside and Linden Home Repair Grants

The Healthy Homes home repair initiative had a successful year providing home repair grants on the South Side and in the Linden community. The original intent was to provide 10 grants on the South Side and 20 in Linden during 2022; however, a total of 20 homes were improved on the South Side and 43 in Linden. All 20 of the South Side grant projects are complete, and the average grant amount was \$13,671.00. All 43 projects in Linden are also complete, with an average grant amount of \$29,939.00. Cumulatively, 63 homeowners received exterior improvement grants between these two geographies, which represents an investment of more than \$1.2M in affordable housing preservation.



COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Financial Life Skills Program

FDA celebrated 72 graduates over ten cohorts in 2022. FDA hosted a mix of virtual, hybrid, and in-person cohorts. The program received an extension of the City of Columbus Human Services Grant, which provides funding until May 2023. FDA also received news from Community Development Block Grant that they were awarded 2023 funding, which will allow FDA to grow the program to serve 120 people and hire a new staff person to help next year. Two past graduates have enrolled in the OSU Community Health Worker program after completing the program, which is a great success to celebrate.



Community Resource Guides

Franklinton.org has over 127,000 visits since August 2018, and Hilltopusa.org has over 63,000 visits since August 2019. This year, FDA have published eleven issues of the Franklinton Newsletter and distributed over 2,600 paper copies. They have worked with organizations on the Hilltop to start an e-newsletter that promotes Hilltopusa.org, which has eight issues. The Hilltop e-newsletter features the calendar from Hilltopusa.org each month. FDA canvassed in Hilltop and Franklinton with OSU Community Health Workers in November and reached over 500 households and distributed resources for predatory buyers and both resource guides. Over 1,200 households were canvassed this year.

2022 Job Fair

In late October and early November FDA hosted a virtual job fair across their social media platforms by sharing employment and educational opportunities, and workforce development programming. The communication included 24 posts and flyers provided by organizations. Engagement across the platforms exceeded 3,000 individuals. FDA also shared a special edition of the Franklinton Newsletter in November, which shared these opportunities, and distributed about 300 print copies.

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Franklinton Rising

Financial Literacy Class

In 2022 a class was held for program trainees. Participants also worked to complete individual and family budgets and are expected to achieve full-time employment in the next year.

Life Skills Program

Columbus Works, a non-profit corporation, provides a one-week training program for individuals who intend to secure full-time employment. In 2022 Franklinton Rising arranged for their trainees to complete this program prior to interviewing for a full-time position. This program helps trainees to be better prepared for employment through helping with resumes, teaching interviewing skills, teamwork, and employer expectations.

Mother/Father Helper Program

In 2021 GWCF launched a pilot program to recruit, interview, screen and train grandmothers/fathers residing at The Livingston to mentor young mothers/fathers in the Driving Park community. In 2022 GWCF worked to expand this program by offering additional resources and services to assist the participants in the development and completion of their personal self-care programs.

Several events were held throughout the year with the hope that they will stay connected with their mentors and/or GWCF staff to gain access to programming that will benefit their family and enhance the quality of their lives.



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Reinvestment of American Addition

This project is part of Homeport's partnership with the City of Columbus to complete Phase 4 of the infrastructure plan for American Addition, which began in 2014. American Addition was the site of Columbus Commercial Industrial Investment Realtors' (CCIIR) Realtor Care Day project on June 8, 2022. A group of their members joined neighborhood residents in removing rotting wooded landscaping structures and overgrowth in the community garden. Flowers and plants were planted to bring the garden back to life.

Hilltop Community Engagement Event

HOTH partnered with the Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone for their community event held in West Gate Park in November. HOTH was able to engage with several residents and share resources about their services to many Hilltop community members.

Envision Hilltop Plan Strategy Development

In 2022 HOTH reserved 5 City landbank lots in the Broad Street area as part of a larger development plan for the economic development of the bank block (Wayne and Broad). Executive Director Steve Torsell actively participates in the Envision Hilltop economic development committee. In August, he and those working on the economic development of the bank block met with Department of Development Director Stevens to discuss City funding for the project.



Garden Celebrations

HOTH's VISTA Volunteers held a celebration event at Belvidere Garden with music by Lugsol & Patrick Richard. About 50 people attended or stopped by. It was a great opportunity to engage with neighbors.



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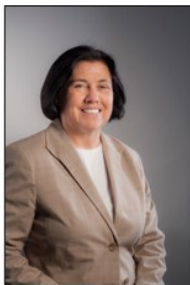
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