Working to expand housing opportunities by increasing the supply of affordable, quality rental housing in Maryland through advocacy, education and collaboration.

MAHC Annual Meeting Goes Virtual

MAHC will conduct its 20th annual Membership Meeting virtually this year on Monday, October 5, 2020, from 10 to
11:30 a.m. Featured speakers include Kenneth Holt, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and David Gasson, Executive Director for the Housing Advisory Group.

Join us for our annual membership meeting to learn more about MAHC's Legislative Agenda for 2021 and for the annual MAHC Housing Awards presentation!

We will also be honoring our Housing Heroes this year - our members who have been working on the front lines during the COVID pandemic to manage and maintain our properties, to support our residents, and to keep construction of new affordable housing properties on schedule. Please submit photos of your staff working during COVID to Miranda by September 28, 2020 to be featured during our awards presentation.

Registration is FREE for Members and $50 for Non-Members. Register here.

COVID-Related Industry Updates

The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a nationwide order to halt evictions through the end of 2020 to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The order is effective immediately. This moratorium covers all renters who meet certain requirements. At the end of the moratorium, however, tenants will still owe any unpaid rent. You can read the full agency order here.

These institutions have all also extended their eviction and foreclosure moratoriums through December 31, 2020: the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

DHCD has also extended the Assisted Housing Relief Program, which is funded at $10 Million and assists families experiencing COVID-19-related financial hardship, and will now cover delinquencies from April to September for properties with CDA financing. You can
In Maryland, Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones wrote a letter to Governor Larry Hogan to request increased funding to help tenants at risk of being evicted. Seventy-seven delegates co-signed the letter, which also calls for the state to ban landlords from charging late fees in COVID-related cases. You can read an article about the letter [here](#).

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**FUNDING AVAILABLE**

**HUD Choice Neighborhood Grants**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY2020 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program. Applicants may request up to $30 million for target housing projects with less than 250 public housing/assisted units or up to $35 million for target housing projects with 250 or more public housing/assisted units. Applications are due [December 16, 2020](#).

You can learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

**DHCD Announces FY 2021 Application Round for State Revitalization Programs**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced the FY 2021 application round for three State Revitalization Programs: Community Legacy, Strategic Demolition Fund - Statewide, and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative. Applications are due [October 15, 2020](#). For more information about the program and the application, go [here](#).

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**MEMBER NEWS**

Silver

AGM Financial Services
Ballard Spahr
Bozzuto Construction
Hooten Construction
Conifer Realty
New Vice President of Supportive Services at Pennrose

Pennrose Management Company recently announced that Shannon Mowery has been promoted to Vice President of Supportive Services and will join the Shared Services team in reporting to the company’s President. Mowery has been with Pennrose since 2002 and has previously served as Director of Supportive Services.

Members Earn National Affordable Housing Professional Certification

Ninette Patrick and Jennifer O’Dell, staff members of Habitat America, LLC, were recently awarded the National Affordable Housing Professional (NAHP) – Executive Level designation by the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). NAHMA awards this title to affordable housing managers who meet their stringent requirements in the topic areas of education, experience, and ethical conduct.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Community Development Network of Maryland New Executive Director

We send a heartfelt thank you to Odette Ramos for her many years of service and partnership as she steps down as Executive Director of the Community Development Network of Maryland, and we extend a warm congratulations to Claudia Wilson Randall as the new Executive Director.

Novogradac Conference and Workshops

The Novogradac 2020 Credit and Bond Financing for Affordable Housing Virtual Conference will take place on October 1-2, 2020. You can learn more about the conference and register here.

Affordable Housing Pilot Projects RFP

Green Street Housing
Gallagher, Evelius & Jones

Hamel Builders Inc.

Howard County Housing
Klein Hornig
Landex Corporation
Maryland DHCD
PNC Bank
Southway Builders
STUDIO 343
SunTrust Bank
Woda Group

BRONZE

Architecture By Design
BCI Management
Boston Capital
Chesapeake Contracting Group
Delaware Valley Dev. Corp.
Foundation Development
Grimm & Parker
Habitat America
Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
Housing Authority of Baltimore City
Housing Trust of America
Hudson Housing Capital
Humphrey Management
Ingerman Management
Marks Thomas Architects
Morgan Keller Construction
National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions
Nixon Peabody
Pando Alliance
Pax-Edwards
The International Living Future Institute (ILFI) has issued an RFP for its Affordable Housing Pilot Projects. Applications are due September 30, 2020.

You can read more information about the program and the RFP here.

### WHAT'S GOING ON A MARYLAND DHCD

**Taxable/Tax-Exempt Financing Structure Returns**

In MF Notice 19-06, DHCD announced they will once again allow the Taxable/Tax-Exempt financing structure for projects that rely on subordinate financing from DHCD, including applications already submitted for review. The Multifamily Program Fee chart has also been recently updated and can be viewed here.

**Assisted Housing Relief Program Extension**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is extending the Assisted Housing Relief Program (AHRP) to cover rent delinquencies through September. The application period will close Wednesday, September 30, 2020, or as soon as funding is exhausted. You can learn more information here.

**2020 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program Income and Rent Limits**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has posted the 2020 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program Income and Rent Limits here.

**2020 Competitive 9% LIHTC Funding**

Applications for the 2020 Spring Competitive Funding Round were due on September 9, 2020. CDA received 51 applications for $15 Million in LIHTC allocation and $15 Million in Rental Housing Funds. Awards are expected to be announced by year end.
Construction Continues During COVID: The Reserve at Somerset Common

In Somerset County, construction is underway on the 54-unit Reserve at Somerset Commons Phase II developed by Enterprise Community Development, Inc. This new, mixed-income family apartment community in Princess Anne, MD is the second phase of the adjacent 75-unit family apartment community that was completed in 2016. Reserve at Somerset Commons Phase II will provide a mix of one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units in two new three-story garden apartment buildings.

Construction began at the beginning of February and the start of the pandemic. The project team, including General Contractor Harkins Builders and architect Moseley Architects, quickly adapted to the new COVID-19 conditions. The team was able to keep the construction schedule on track while ensuring the safety of workers.

The development is anticipated to complete in December. The community has already garnered high interest from perspective families, underscoring the need for high-quality affordable housing in Somerset County despite the challenges of the pandemic.