



## SUMMARY OF 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WORK PRODUCTS

### Policy

- Held Housing Day at the Capitol with an estimated 100 people in attendance representing nonprofit organizations and resident groups
- Together with Metro Fair Housing Services and SOPOS (a disability rights coalition), prepared and submitted comments encouraging programmatic involvement of nonprofit organizations and minority businesses to DCA on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Advocated on Capitol Hill with Georgia's federal elected officials for funding for HOME, CDBG, and NHTF
- Submitted comments to state housing finance agency on its plan for allocating funds made available from HUD through the National Housing Trust Fund
- Contracted with Elizabeth Appley, legislative consultant and lobbyist, to monitor housing legislation in the General Assembly and produce legislative reports to keep members informed
- Provided staff support for an Atlanta housing advocacy initiative, City For All, to promote development and preservation of affordable housing for families with low and moderate incomes
- Worked with the City of Atlanta on passage of inclusionary zoning ordinances covering two targeted areas undergoing gentrification
- Conducted research on possible revenue sources that local governments could use to capitalize regional housing trust funds
- Coordinated a group of 20 affordable housing stakeholders for a lunch talk by Richard Rothstein, author of the *Color of Law*, at GSU School of Law

### Training and Technical Assistance

- With grant from Mary Reynolds Babcock, as part of the Rural Housing Initiative implemented a peer technical assistance project for two nonprofit organizations for successful administration of a CHIP grant from DCA
- Sponsored a free webinar for housing counselors that Atlanta Legal Aid Society provided at no cost on land installment contracts
- Sponsored a free webinar for member organizations on board development conducted at no cost by Georgia ACT board member Betsy Wallace (formerly with Neighborhood Reinvestment and principal of EWallace Strategies)
- Also with the grant from the Babcock Foundation, provided a consultant to work with a CDFI in Southwest Georgia to carry out strategic planning
- With a grant from Woodforest National Bank sponsored one-day training for housing counselors to prepare them to take the HUD housing counseling certification exam

- With sponsorships from PNC, Fifth Third, NeighborWorks, South State Bank, and Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, held Fall Affordable Housing Conference
- Partnering with Enterprise Community Partners, NeighborWorks, and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits on a capacity building initiative for nonprofit organizations in Atlanta; the initiative involves both TA and training; with other funding Georgia ACT will make the training available to organizations outside of metro Atlanta

### **Communications/Technology**

- Distributed an e-newsletter periodically containing information on resources, federal legislation, and future events (conferences, training opportunities, etc.)
- Continuously updated the Georgia ACT web site, [www.georgiaact.org](http://www.georgiaact.org)
- Promoted Georgia ACT events on the Facebook page

### **Collaborations and Partnerships**

- Staff serve on UGA's Housing and Demographics Research Advisory Board
- Member of TransFormation Alliance, a coalition of organizations interested in linking communities around transit to promote equitable transit-orient development (E-TOD) in the Atlanta region
- Member of SOPOS (Shut Out, Priced Out, and Segregated), a disability rights coalition
- Collaborated with the Georgia Conference of Black Mayors to hold two two regional forums on housing – one in Washington and one in Elberton
- Partnered with Metro Fair Housing Services on down payment assistance program

### **Administration and Finance**

- 2016 audit completed
- Reviewed monthly financial statements
- Held three regional meetings in different areas of the state (Albany, Washington, and Elberton) to bring together stakeholders around housing and community development
- New members included one housing authority and two local governments (one rural and one urban)
- Hired new president/CEO to start January 2, 2018

### **Resource Development**

- Received operating support grants from NeighborWorks® America, Ford Foundation, and Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
- Received project-specific grants from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Enterprise Community Partners, the TransFormation Alliance, Woodforest National Bank, and the Fifth Third Foundation
- Renewed contract with Atlanta neighborhood-based fund to handle grants administration on a fee basis

### **Important Dates**

October 10, 2018 Georgia ACT Annual Fall Affordable Housing Conference  
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