



June 19, 2020 | News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN

A Note from CRN

First and foremost, we want to reaffirm our commitment to opposing structural racism in all its forms. The long history of housing injustice that we are still working to combat is created by the same white supremacist system that drives police brutality. From rectifying overpolicing in Black and Brown communities to reversing disinvestment and gentrification, our policies and practices must be fundamentally restructured to make our cities safe, affordable, and livable for every resident.

Similarly, the ongoing health crisis has served as a reminder of the racial and economic injustices that shape our communities. We have had ongoing conversations with our members as well as appointed and elected officials about these challenging times and what to do to prevent displacement and homelessness. [Earlier this week, we shared testimony with City Council in support of protections for renters](#) as part of our longstanding commitment to calling publicly for transparency, accountability, and equity. As we move to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we look for policies and resources centered on racial and economic equity to build on the strength of Chicago's network of community development corporations (CDCs). Born out of the struggle for justice, equity and community investment, CDCs possess the local knowledge and relationships to lead the rebuilding that was needed in the past, that is required today, and that will be foundational for a future of true justice and liberty for all.

In solidarity with all who fight for justice and call for reforming our criminal justice system, in recognition of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks, of our own Laquan McDonald and Rekia Boyd and all other victims of such senseless murders, we are encouraged by and hopeful about the growing spirit of unity and calls for change by dismantling all forms of institutional racism.

On today, Juneteenth, and everyday, we are committed to learning and listening, to continuing to seek guidance from our members working in neighborhoods across the city, and to fighting for racial justice by working to make safe, secure, and affordable housing a reality for every Chicagoan.

Sincerely,
Kevin Jackson, Executive Director
CRN Staff & Board

The Empowerment Series is Going Online

Like you, here at the Chicago Rehab Network we've spent the last few months navigating the challenges presented by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. From Zoom calls to living room offices, there's been a lot to adapt to--but we're not letting it get in the way of bringing you quality community development education. Now more than ever, providing every household with a safe, secure, and affordable place to call home is absolutely vital to the health of our communities.

We are excited to announce that we are adapting our 25th annual [Community Development and Empowerment Series](#) into a virtual workshop series. Beginning this summer, you can learn the affordable

housing development process from expert local practitioners without ever leaving your house. Whether you work at a non-profit developer and want to improve your technical skills, are looking for a career change in affordable housing, or anything in between, workshops focused on each step of the development process will prepare you to be a leader in bringing greater affordability to your community.

Dates will be announced shortly, so keep an eye out for more information. We look forward to (virtually) seeing you soon!



DOH 2019-Q4 Report and 2020-Q1 Data Released

The Department of Housing has released a [full report analyzing affordable housing production and funding in the fourth quarter of 2019](#) as well as [data for the first quarter of 2020](#). CRN's analysis of these reports will be released soon. You can find all of DOH's quarterly reports on [their website](#).

Fact Book Coming Soon

Our newest Affordable Housing Fact Book is on the way! CRN is excited to announce that we will release an updated Affordable Housing Fact Book exploring housing market and demographic trends soon. Keep an eye out! In the meantime, [check out our previous Fact Books](#) to learn more about housing data in every Illinois county and Chicago community area.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

ERAMP Application Available

Applications are available for the City's Emergency Relief for Affordable Multifamily Properties (ERAMP) program. The relief program serves owners and developers of multifamily affordable housing through short-term operating support including both grants and no-interest, deferred payment loans of up to \$75,000 per property, based on need. [Learn more](#) or [apply](#).

IDHS Providing PPE

As of late May, the Illinois Department of Human Services has begun providing personal protective equipment to community-based organizations. PPE will include KN95 masks. [Learn more](#).



PPP Loan Forgiveness Process Workshops

Fiscal Management Associates and IFF are providing resources for non-profits interested in learning more about Payroll Protection Program loan forgiveness. "Managing Your Paycheck Protection Program Loan & Forgiveness 202" clinics will provide detailed guidance on what organizations can and cannot spend the PPP funds on and what will be eligible for forgiveness, how the forgiveness process will work, and how organizations can estimate their forgiveness amount. [Learn more and register](#).

Pop Up PPP Call Center

From the Chicago Community Loan Fund:

There is still over \$120B in funding remaining for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). You can still apply, but time is running out. CCLF's Pop Up PPP Call Center is available to assist not-for-profit and for-profit corporations through the PPP application process.

The pop up call center can help you learn more about new guidelines for loan forgiveness and apply.

[Make an appointment.](#)

IN THE NEWS

Lightfoot Presents Plan for Coronavirus Eviction Protections

Despite pushback from several aldermen, Mayor Lightfoot's plan to protect residents who have lost income because of the COVID-19 pandemic advanced earlier this week. The ordinance requires landlords to enter into seven days of good faith negotiations with tenants before evicting tenants who are able to show they have lost income due to coronavirus. The ordinance would provide extended protection for two months whenever the statewide order placing a moratorium on evictions ends. [Read more.](#)



POAH and Claretian Associates in the News for Preserving Affordability

CRN member Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. was recently featured in the Sun-Times for their ongoing work supporting affordability and stability for residents. CHA approved subsidies that will help POAH acquire and preserve 56 apartments for seniors in Rogers Park at the existing Levy House, which many were concerned would become market-rate housing. Additionally, POAH has locked in funding sources allowing it to proceed with renovations at the South Chicago YMCA, which it acquired along with CRN member Claretian Associates last year. The project will include 101 units of affordable senior housing. [Read more.](#)

Bickerdike's Statement on Emmett Street Apartments Project Lawsuit

From its beginning stages, CRN member Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation's [Emmett Street Apartments project](#) has faced challenges from neighbors who don't want a 100% affordable development coming to Logan Square. Following the dismissal of a recent lawsuit, Bickerdike plans to continue "full steam ahead." [Read the full statement here.](#)

Federal Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures Extended

As of Wednesday, June 17, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and the Federal Housing Administration will extend their moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures until August 31. Previously, the moratoriums were set to expire at the end of June. [Read more here.](#)

About CRN

For over 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

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