

October 26, 2005

Members of the House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing in opposition to language to be included in a manager's amendment to H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005. The provision in question would disqualify nonprofit organizations from participating in a new Affordable Housing Fund – a fund that will increase the supply of affordable homes for very low and extremely low-income families – if the groups have engaged in nonpartisan voter registration, get-out-the-vote, other voter participation activities, or in some cases lobbying or grassroots lobbying, in the previous 12 months.

Because this provision is unsound on both public policy and constitutional grounds, we strongly urge you to **vote NO on the manager's amendment and vote YES on the motion to recommit forthwith with instructions.**

The establishment of the Affordable Housing Fund in H.R. 1461 would be a critical, long-overdue step toward addressing the housing crisis that confronts very low and extremely low-income families across the nation. It provides grants to support the work of nonprofit organizations that provide the bulk of housing services for our poorest communities. For the first two years, money in the fund would be prioritized to rebuild housing in the areas that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The fund was supported by a majority of both parties in the House Committee on Financial Services, which reported H.R. 1461 on a 65-5 margin.

A provision in the proposed manager's amendment to H.R. 1461, however, would prevent many nonprofit organizations from participating in the Affordable Housing Fund. This provision would disqualify (1) any organization that has engaged in voter registration, voter identification or get-out-the-vote activity in the previous year; (2) certain organizations that have engaged in lobbying or grassroots lobbying during the same period; and (3) any organization that is "affiliated," a term defined very broadly, with any organization that has engaged in prohibited voter participation or lobbying activities.

The restrictions are unnecessary. We believe that the restrictions on the use of funds in H.R. 1461, both in the bill as reported by the Committee on Financial Services as well as under current law, provide sufficient safeguards to prevent the funds from being used for voter participation or advocacy purposes. These safeguards include a prohibition on lobbying with federal funds and, for 501(c)(3) organizations, a ban on partisan electoral activities. We support these restrictions, as we agree that money under the Affordable Housing Fund should be used exclusively for providing low-income housing to those who need it – and not to encourage voter turnout or for any other use.

Instead of simply prohibiting federal funds from being used for purposes not envisioned by H.R. 1461, however, the language in the proposed manager's amendment would prohibit grantees from using even their own funds to encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote – and would retroactively penalize organizations that have done so in the past, even if they no longer do when applying for grants. Such sweeping prohibitions are illogical, especially when the manager's amendment would exempt for-profit companies from the same restrictions.

The restrictions are likely unconstitutional. Prohibiting nonprofits from applying for Affordable Housing Fund grants, if they have used unrelated funds to engage in voter participation activities, strikes at the heart of core First Amendment values. Because voter registration, voter identification, get-out-the-vote efforts and lobbying are constitutionally protected activities, funding restrictions that would stifle such activities are constitutionally suspect and will likely be struck down if they are not adequately tailored to further an important government interest. For instance, when the Federal Communications Commission barred public television and radio stations that receive federal funds from using their own resources to broadcast editorial views, the Supreme Court struck down the regulation.

Ensuring that organizations spend federal funds only as Congress has intended is, in itself, a perfectly legitimate government objective. The extreme breadth of the language in the proposed manager's amendment, however, would do nothing to further this goal. It is inconceivable that retroactively prohibiting activities that took place before a grant cycle, disqualifying applicants based on their affiliations with organizations that do not receive any federal dollars, or restricting the use of other unrelated funds would somehow ensure that Affordable Housing Fund grants are used properly and in accordance with the law. Furthermore, there is clearly no legitimate governmental interest in preventing nonpartisan voter participation activities. As such, the restrictions in the proposed manager's amendment will face inevitable challenge and are likely to be struck down as unconstitutional.

The restrictions would conflict with the “Motor Voter” law. The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (“Motor Voter law”) was enacted to facilitate voter registration, with the goal of increasing turnout on Election Day. In addition to requiring states to allow voter registration at motor vehicle agencies, the Motor Voter law also requires certain nonprofit organizations to provide voter registration forms as well as assistance in completing them. Because some of these same organizations would be prohibited from engaging in voter registration activities under the manager's amendment to H.R. 1461, the manager's amendment would force many organizations that provide housing and other services to people with disabilities to choose between their obligation to register voters and their ability to provide housing to individuals who need it most. No organization should be forced to make such a decision.

In conclusion, the restrictions on Affordable Housing Fund grants in the proposed manager's amendment are unnecessary, probably unconstitutional and would contradict existing law. It would be wrong to deny the receipt of badly needed housing funds simply on the basis that a group has also encouraged citizens to vote or to express their opinions to Congress. For these reasons, and because they can be deleted from H.R. 1461 without jeopardizing the goals of the Affordable Housing Fund in any way, we strongly urge you vote to remove these restrictions from the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

National Groups

Advancement Project
Advocacy Institute
African American Health Alliance
Alliance for Healthy Homes
Alliance for Justice
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Association of University Women
American Counseling Association
American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Friends Service Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Network of Community Options and Resources
Americans for Democratic Action
Anti-Defamation League
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law
Campaign for America's Future
Center for Community Change
Center for International Policy
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest
Center for Nonprofits and Voting
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Cities for Progress at the Institute for Policy Studies
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Cause

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
Enterprise Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
Fairvote - The Center for Voting and Democracy
Housing Assistance Council
Human Rights Campaign
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
League of United Latin American Citizens
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Momentum
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Lutheran Services in America
Mercy Housing
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepard
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of Housing Cooperatives
National Association of Social Workers
National Black United Fund
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy
National Community Reinvestment Coalition
National Congress of American Indians
National Congress of Vietnamese Americans

National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza
National Council of Nonprofit Associations
National Council on Independent Living
National Disability Rights Network
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
National Head Start Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Housing Conference
National Housing Law Project
National Housing Trust
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Neighborhood Coalition
National NeighborWorks Association
National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness
National Puerto Rican Coalition
National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness
National Urban League
National Voting Rights Institute
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
OMB Watch
People For the American Way
Poverty & Race Research Action Council
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA)
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition
RESULTS
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Service Employees International Union
Sierra Club
Smart Growth America
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future
Technical Assistance Collaborative

The AIDS Institute
 The Arc of the U.S.
 U.S. Jesuit Conference
 U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG)
 United Cerebral Palsy
 United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
 United Spinal Association
 United States Student Association
 United Steelworkers
 United Way of America
 USAction
 Veterans for Common Sense
 Women of Reform Judaism
 Women's Committee of 100
 Woodhull Freedom Federation
 YWCA USA

State/Local Groups

ABG Consulting	Gray	ME
ACCESS, Inc.	Medford	OR
ACTION-Housing, Inc.	Pittsburgh	PA
ACTS Community Development Corporation	Milwaukee	WI
ADA Small Business Information	Dearborn	MI
Affordable Housing Community Development Corporation	Jackson	TN
Affordable Housing Management, Inc.	Greensboro	NC
Affordable Housing Ministry Team	St. Paul	MN
AFP Rhode Island	Providence	RI
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	Chicago	IL
AIDS Housing Alliance/San Francisco	San Francisco	CA
AIDS Housing of Washington	Seattle	WA
AIDS Services of Dallas	Dallas	TX
Alamo Area Mutual Housing Association, Inc.	San Antonio	TX
Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless	Albuquerque	NM
Alexandria Affordable Housing Corporation	Alexandria	LA
Alliance for Children's Enrichment	Newnan	GA

Alliance for Metropolitan Stability	Minneapolis	MN
Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	Westchester	IL
Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	CA
American Academy of HIV Medicine	Washington	DC
American Friends Service Committee-New Hampshire	Concord	NH
Andover Historic Preservation Corporation	Andover	MA
Another Way	Montpelier	VT
Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority	Chilmark	MA
Archdiocesan Housing of Denver	Denver	CO
ARISE, Inc.	Oswego	NY
Asian Community Development Corporation	Boston	MA
Asian Law Alliance	San Jose	CA
Asociacion Campesina Lazaro Cardenas, Inc	Stockton	CA
Austin DBSA Chapter	Austin	TX
Avery County Habitat for Humanity	Newland	NC
Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council	Chicago	IL
Barnstable County Home Consortium	Barnstable	MA
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project, Inc.	Minneapolis	MN
Bethany Advocates, Bethany Church	Randolph	VT
Bethesda House of Schenectady, Inc.	Schenectady	NY
Better Homes and Gardens Transitional Housing Program	St. Cloud	MN
Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation	Chicago	IL
Big Island Sustainable Communities Association	Hilo	HI
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Regional Council	Horseheads	NY
Blue Springs-Hoke County Community Development	Raeford	NC
Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice Center	El Paso	TX
Boston Tenant Coalition	Boston	MA
Boston Urban Asthma Coalition	Dorchester	MA
Boulder County AIDS Project	Boulder	CO
Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing	Brattleboro	VT
Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust	Brattleboro	VT
Breakaway Childcare Center	Newnan	GA
Brewster Housing Authority	Brewster	MA
Bronx AIDS Services, Inc.	Bronx	NY
Builders of Hope Community Development Corporation	Dallas	TX
Building Affordable Communities and Housing	Haddonfield	NJ

Cabell-Huntington Coalition to the Homeless		WV
Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation.	Cabrillo	CA
California Coalition for Rural Housing	Sacramento	CA
California Housing Partnership Corporation	San Francisco	CA
California Institute for Mental Health	Sacramento	CA
California LISC	Los Angeles	CA
California Reinvestment Coalition	San Francisco	CA
CARES, Inc.	Albany	NY
Carolina Justice Policy Center		
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare	Portland	OR
Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton	Trenton	NJ
Catholic Charities Summit View Apartments	Spokane	WA
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton	Trenton	NJ
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Corning	NY
Catholic Health Initiatives	Denver	CO
Catholic Social Services	Fall River	MA
Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation	Catskill	NY
Center for Volunteer and NonProfit Leadership	San Rafael	CA
Central City AIDS Network, Inc.	Macon	GA
Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio		OH
CHAMP (Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project)	New York	NY
CHARG Resource Center	Denver	CO
Charities Housing Development Corporation	San Jose	CA
Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement	Mayville	NY
Chicago Community Loan Fund	Chicago	IL
Chicago Jobs Council	Chicago	IL
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	Chicago	IL
Chicago Rehab Network	Chicago	IL
Children's Alliance of New Hampshire	Concord	NH
Children's Alliance of Washington	Seattle	WA
Choices for Change	Portland	OR
Christ the King Catholic Church Sowers of Justice	St. Paul	MN
CHRISTUS Health	Houston	TX
Church Women United of Chemung County		NY
Churches United in Ministry	Duluth	MN
CitiWide Harm Reduction	Bronx	NY

Citizens for Adequate Housing Inc.	Peabody	MA
Citizens Forum of Randolph	Randolph	VT
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association	Boston	MA
Citizens' Trade Campaign	Washington	DC
City of Lakes Community Land Trust	Minneapolis	MN
City of Seattle Office of Housing	Seattle	WA
Clare Housing	Minneapolis	MN
Clayton County Family Care, Inc.	Forest Park	GA
Cleveland Housing Network	Cleveland	OH
Cleveland Tenants Organization	Cleveland	OH
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Indio	CA
Coalition for the Homeless	Louisville	KY
Coalition of Mental Health Consumer Organizations		NJ
Coalition of Religious Communities	Salt Lake City	UT
Coalition on Homelessness & Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)	Columbus	OH
Coastal Enterprises, Inc	Wiscasset	ME
Coastal First-Time Homebuyer Program	Newburyport	MA
Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp	Dorchester	MA
Colorado AIDS Project		CO
Colorado Progressive Coalition	Denver	CO
Community Access, Inc.	NY	NY
Community Action Agency of Somerville	Somerville	MA
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley	Bethlehem	PA
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington	St. Paul	MN
Community Against Violence	Taos	NM
Community Alliance of Tenants	Portland	OR
Community Economic Development Association of	Lansing	MI
Community Economics, Inc.	Oakland	CA
Community Enterprise Investments	Pensacola	FL
Community Home Ownership, Inc.		MN
Community Housing Improvement Program	Chico	CA
Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning	Salinas	CA
Community Housing Opportunities Corporation	Davis	CA
Community Investment Corporation of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc	Wilmington	DE
Community Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	St. Paul	MN

Community Partners For Affordable Housing, Inc.	Tigard	OR
Community Psychologists of Minnesota		MN
Community Recovery Services	Berkeley	CA
Community Rehabilitation and Emergency Services	Bennington	VT
Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina	Durahm	NC
Community Service Society of New York City	NY	NY
Community Shelter Board	Columbus	OH
Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet)	Washington	DC
Concord Area Trust for Community Housing	Concord	NH
Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition	Hartford	CT
Connecticut Housing Coalition	Wethersfield	CT
Connecticut Housing Investment Fund	Hartford	CT
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Asheville	NC
Consumers Coaliton		
Contextual Solutions	NY	NY
Cornerstone Services, Inc.	Columbia	MD
Council on Homeless Policies and Services	NY	NY
Courage Center	Minneapolis	MN
Crispus Attucks Association	York	PA
Crossroads Urban Center	Salt Lake City	Utah
CSI Support and Development Services	Warren	MI
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation	Brooklyn	NY
D. Scott Dibble -State Senator-District 60	St. Paul	MN
Dakota Woodlands	Eagan	MN
Davidson Housing Coalition	Davidson	NC
Dayton City Commissioner, Dean Lovelace	Dayton	OH
Dearborn Commission on Disability Concerns	Dearborn	MI
Del Norte	Denver	CO
Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.	Wilmington	DE
Delaware Housing Coalition	Dover	DE
Detroit Alliance for Fair Banking	Detroit	MI
Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization	Cleveland	OH
Diakon Housing and Community Development	Baltimore	MD
Dineh Cooperatives, Inc.	Chinle	Navaho Nation
Domestic Abuse Project	Minneapolis	MN
Drop Inn Center	Cincinnati	OH

Durham Affordable Housing Coalition	Durham	NC
East Bay Mental Health Center, Inc.	East Providence	RI
East LA Community Corporation	Los Angeles	CA
Economic Crisis Program Coordinator	Elgin	IL
Eden Housing, Inc.	Hayward	CA
El Centro, Inc.	Kansas City	KS
Elm Transitional Housing, Inc.		MN
Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc.	Cleveland	OH
Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, Inc.	Appleton	WI
Empire Justice Center	Rochester	NY
Enterprise Corporation of the Delta	Jackson	MS
Enterprise Foundation, California	Los Angeles	CA
Faith Fund Inc.	Baltimore	MD
Falls Church Housing Corporation	Falls Church	VA
Family and Children's Service of Minnesota		MI
Family Pride	West Hollywood	CA
Family Promise	Summit	NJ
Faribault Housing Redevelopment Authority	Faribault	MN
Filipino American Service Group Inc	Los Angeles	CA
Five County Mental Health Authority	Henderson	NC
Florida Housing Coalition		FL
Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc.		FL
Franklin County Community Development Corporation	Franklin County	MA
Freeport Housing Trust	Freeport	ME
Friends of the North Country, Inc.	Keeseville	NY
Fulton County Community Heritage Corporation	Gloversville	NY
Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness, Inc.	Marietta	GA
Greater Gallatin United Way	Bozeman	MT
Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation	Minneapolis	MN
Greater Rochester Community Reinvestment Coalition	Rochester	NY
Greater Twin Cities United Way	Minneapolis	MN
Greensboro Housing Coalition	Greensboro	NC
Greenville Community Shelters, Inc.	Greenville	NC
Gubb & Barshay LLP	San Francisco	CA
Habitat for Humanity, Peninsula	Newport News	VA
Habitat for Humanity, Saint Louis	Saint Louis	MO

Habitat for Humanity,New York City	Brooklyn	NY
Hacienda del Sol Homeless Family Services	Las Cruces	NM
Handicapped Development Center	Davenport	IA
Hard Times Cafe, Inc.	Harrison	MI
Hartford Food System	Hartford	CT
HDC 3 Corporation	Lancaster	PA
HEARTH	Pittsburgh	PA
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights	Chicago	IL
HEED	Jackson	MS
Highland Community Builders, Inc.	Elkins	WV
Home and Community Access Program		VT
HOME Line	Minneapolis	MN
Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.	Baltimore	MD
HomeOwnership Center, Inc.	Elkins	WV
Homestead Capital	Portland	OR
homeWORD	Missoula	MT
Hope Community, Inc.	Minneapolis	MN
Horizon House	Philadelphia	PA
House of Hope Community Development Corporation	Warwick	RI
Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey		NJ
Housing Action Illinois	Chicago	IL
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania		PA
Housing and Community Development Network of		NJ
Housing Authority of Island County	Coupeville	WA
Housing Authority of Skagit County	Mount Vernon	WA
Housing California		CA
Housing Colorado!		CO
Housing Development Corporation	Lancaster	PA
Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County	South San Francisco	CA
Housing Network		RI
Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities, Inc	Appleton	WI
Housing Preservation Project	Los Alamos	NM
Housing Resources Group	Seattle	WA
Housing Resources of Columbia County, Inc.	Hudson	NY
Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco	San Francisco	CA
Housing Vermont	Burlington	VT

Housing Works	Albany	NY
Human Development Services	Port Chester	NY
Human Development Services of Westchester	Westchester	NY
Hunger and Poverty Network of Northern New Mexico	Sante Fe	NM
Illinois Community Action Association		IL
Illinois Facilities Fund	Chicago	IL
Impact Capital/Washington State LISC	Seattle	WA
Impact Services Corporation		MN
Independent Living Center, East San Gabriel Valley	LA	CA
Independent Living Services of Northern California	Chico	CA
Information, Referral & Assistance Services	Clinton	IA
Inglewood Neighborhood Housing	Inglewood	CA
Inner City Law Center	Los Angeles	CA
Institute for the Study of Civic Values	Philadelphia	PA
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc.		MN
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing	NY	NY
Interfaith Council for Action	Ossining	NY
Interfaith Council for Homeless Families	Morristown	NJ
Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy & Action in the Community	Kalamazoo	MI
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Des Moines	IA
Iowa Coalition for Housing and the Homeless	Des Moines	IA
Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly	Boston	MA
John Lewis Community Services, Inc	Davenport	IA
JUST Housing	Montgomery	IL
Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action	Green Bay	WI
Kankakee County Housing Authority	Kankakee	IL
Katrina Disability Relief Information Project	Dearborn	MI
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity	Louisville	KY
Kentucky Jobs with Justice		KY
Keuka Housing Council, Inc.	Keuka	NY
King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Seattle	WA
Korean Resource Center	Los Angeles	CA
Laconia Area Community Land Trust, Inc	Laconia	NH
Ladies of Charity	Chemung County	NY
Lakefront Supportive Housing	Chicago	IL
Latinos United	Chicago	IL

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing	Chicago	IL
Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities	Chicago	IL
Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut, Inc.	Hartford	CT
Legal Services of Northern Virginia		VA
Lenders for Community Development	San Jose	CA
Leviticus 25:23 Alternative Fund, Inc.	Yonkers	NY
Life By Design	Tulsa	OK
Life Steps Foundation, Inc., California	Los Angeles	CA
Life Steps Foundation, Inc., Maryland		MD
Lighthouse Community Development	Pontiac	MI
Livable Places	Los Angeles	CA
Livesay Law Office	St. Paul	MN
Living Room, Inc.	Atlanta	GA
Lopez Community Land Trust's	Lopez	WA
Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness	Los Angeles	CA
Low Income Housing Institute	Seattle	WA
Low Income Investment Fund	San Francisco	CA
Lumiere: Shedding Light on Public Benefits	Brighton	MA
Lutheran Network for Justice Advocacy	Des Plaines	IL
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois		IL
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota		MN
Many Mansions	Los Angeles	CA
Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations	Baltimore	MD
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers		MA
Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants		MA
Massachusetts Association of Community Development		MA
Massachusetts Audubon Society	Boston	MA
Massachusetts Nonprofit Housing Association		MA
McAllen Affordable Homes, Inc.		TX
MDC Inc.	Chapel Hill	NC
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	PA
Mental Health Association of the Rock River Valley	Rock River	IL
Mercy Housing Utah, Inc.		UT
Metro CareRing	Denver	CO

Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership	Boston	MA
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council	Milwaukee	WI
Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength	Detroit	MI
Miami Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.	Miami	FL
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	Lansing	MI
Michigan Community Reinvestment Coalition	Lansing	MI
Michigan League for Human Services	Lansing	MI
Middle Path	Waltham	MA
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	St. Paul	MN
Midwest Health Center for Women	Minneapolis	MN
Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers	Minneapolis	MN
Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council	Minneapolis	MN
Minnesota AIDS Project	Minneapolis	MN
Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health	St. Paul	MN
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	St. Paul	MN
Minnesota Citizens for the Arts	St. Paul	MN
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	St. Paul	MN
Minnesota Housing Partnership	Saint Paul	MN
Minnesota Valley Action Council, Inc.	Mankato	MN
Mohawk Opportunities, Inc.	Schenectady	NY
Moloka'i Community Service Council	Kaunakakai	HI
Montana Nonprofit Association	Helena	MT
Mountain Ambulance Service, Art for the Heart	Peñasco	NM
Movin' Out, Inc	Madison	WI
NAMI Vermont	Waterbury	VT
NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin & Foundation		WI
National Association of Social Workers, Iowa Chapter	Des Moines	IA
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium	Los Angeles	CA
Native American Lending Group, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM
Navajo United Methodist Center New Beginnings Program	Farmington	NM
Nazareth Housing Services	Pittsburgh	PA
NCB Development Corporation	Washington	DC
Near Northside Partners Council, Inc	Fort Worth	TX
Nehemiah Community Reinvestment Fund, Inc	Sacramento	CA
Neighborhood Development Alliance	St. Paul	MN
Neighborhood Housing Services of Beloit	Beloit	WI

Neighborhood Housing Services of Fort Worth and Tarrant	Fort Worth	TX
Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix	Phoenix	AZ
Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County	Richland Center	WI
Neighborhood-Based Planning	Elk Grove	CA
Neuse River Community Development Corporation	New Bern	NC
Neveda Fair Housing Center	Las Vegas	NV
New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness		NM
New Mexico Public Health Association	Sante Fe	NM
New Neighborhoods, Inc	Stamford	CT
New York Coalition for the Homeless		NY
New York State Tenants & Neighbors	New York	NY
Newport County Community Mental Health Center	Middletown	RI
Next Step Housing	Yakima	WA
Non-Profit Housing association of Northern California	San Francisc	CA
North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness	Raleigh	NC
North Carolina Council of Churches		NC
North Carolina Fair Housing Center	Durham	NC
North Carolina Housing Coalition		NC
North County Solution for Change	Vista	CA
Northeast Louisiana Delta Community Development		LA
Northern Arizona Council of Governments	Flagstaff	AZ
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority	Ukiah	CA
Northern Communities Land Trust	Duluth	MN
Northern Michigan Alliance for Independent Living	Traverse City	MI
Northern Nevada Service Dogs Association		NV
Northern New England Housing Investment Fund	Portland	ME
Northgate Housing Incorporated	Burlington	VT
Northgate Residents' Association	Burlington	VT
Northside Development Corporation	Columbus	OH
Northwest Indiana Community Reinvestment Coalition	Hammond	IN
Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network	Philadelphia	PA
Northwestern Regional Housing Authority	Boone	NC
Nuestra Comunidad Developent Corporation	Roxbury	MA
NW HomeOwnership Centers of Vermont, Burlington	Burlington	VT
NYS Rural Advocates		NY
NYS Rural Housing Coalition		NY

Oak Hill Community Development Corporation	Worcester	MA
Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing		OH
Okanogan County Community Action Council	Okanogan	WA
Opening Doors to Brighter Futures	Minneapolis	MN
Opperclusive Institute of Minnesota		MI
Organized Latinos in Action	Chicago	IL
Oswego Housing Development Council, Inc.	Oswego	NY
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center	Baton Rouge	LA
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church	Arlington	VA
Over-the-Rhine Housing Network	Cincinnati	OH
Partnership for Strong Communities	Hartford	CT
Partnerships With Industry	San Diego	CA
Past Regents' Club	Rochester	NY
Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Paterson	NJ
Peace and Social Justice Ministry	Romeoville	IL
People to End Homelessness	Providence	RI
People's Emergency Center Community Development	Philadelphia	PA
Philadelphia Association of Community Development	Philadelphia	PA
Pierce County Housing Authority	Tacoma	WA
Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group	Pittsburgh	PA
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota and South		MN
Plymouth Housing Group	Seattle	WA
Polk Community Development Corporation	Dallas	OR
Portland Housing Center	Portland	OR
PPEP Microbusiness and Housing Development Corporation	Tucson	AZ
Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness	Chicago	IL
Presentation Sisters	Dubuque	IA
Progressive Redevelopment, Inc.	Decatur	GA
Project H.O.M.E.	Philadelphia	PA
Project IRENE	Berwyn	IL
Protect All Children's Environment	Marion	NC
Public Advocates, Inc.	San Francisco	CA
Public Justice Center	Baltimore	MD
Pullman Bank Initiatives, Inc	Chicago	IL
Quality Housing Development, Inc.	Yorktown	IN
RCAP Solutions, Inc		MA

REACH Community Development, Inc	Portland	OR
Real Change	Seattle	WA
Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium	Charlotte	NC
Religious Coalition for Community Renewal	Charleston	WV
Religious Witness with Homeless People.	San Francisco	CA
Renaissance Social Services, Inc	Chicago	IL
Renton Housing Authority	Renton	WA
Rep. Bob Kiss, Progressive/Chittenden District 3-4		VT
Representative Jim Davnie	St. Paul	MN
Restart Inc	Minneapolis	MN
ReSTOC	Cincinnati	OH
RESULTS-Santa Fe	Sante Fe	NM
Rhode Island HUD Tenant Project	Providence	RI
Rice County Housing Redevelopment Authority	Faribault	MN
Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services	Richmond	CA
River City Community Development Corp	Elizabeth City	NC
Riverton Community Housing	Minneapolis	MN
Roberson County Community Development Corporation	Rowland	NC
Rogers Park Community Action Network	Chicago	IL
Roll Back The Rents	Oakland	CA
ROSE Community Development	Portland	OR
Rowland Area Community Development Corporation	Rowland	NC
RPJ Housing		VA
Rural California Housing Corporation		CA
Rural Opportunities Inc.	Rochester	NY
Rural Ulster Preservation Company	Kingston	NY
Sacramento Housing Alliance	Sacramento	CA
Sacramento Mutual Housing Association	Sacramento	CA
Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality	Salem	OR
San Diego Housing Federation	San Diego	CA
San Francisco Council of Community Housing Organizations	San Francisco	CA
San Francisco Foundation	San Francisco	CA
San Francisco Information Clearinghouse	San Francisco	CA
San Francisco Network Ministries	San Francisco	CA
San Francisco Urban Institute	San Francisco	CA
Sandusky Metropolitan Housing Authority	Fremont	OH

Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing	Santa Clara	CA
Save Monmouth County Parks		NJ
Scott County Housing Council	Davenport	IA
Seattle King County Coalition for the Homeless	Seattle	WA
Shiawassee County Housing Rehab Program Services	Corunna	MI
Sierra Planning & Housing Alliance, Inc.	Sonora	CA
Siri Resources LLC	Byron Center	MI
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth	Leavenworth	KS
Sisters of Mercy, Regional Community of Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	IA
Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio	Tiffin	OH
Sisters of the Good Shepherd	Columbus	OH
So Others Might Eat (SOME)	Washington	DC
Society of Jesus (The Jesuits), New Orleans Province	Grand Coteau	LA
Society of Jesus, N.Y. Province	New York	NY
Somerville Homeless Coalition, Inc.	Somerville	MA
South County Housing	Gilroy	CA
South Dallas Inner City Development Corporation	Dallas	TX
South Shore Housing Development Corporation		MA
South Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter	Homewood	IL
Southern Nevada Reinvestment & Accountable Banking		NV
Southtowns Rural Preservation Company	Boston	MA
Southwest Key Program Inc.	Austin	TX
Southwestern Center for Independent Living	Marshall	MN
Southwestern LA Homeless Coalition, Inc	Lake Charles	LA
Spokane Housing Ventures	Spokane	WA
Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium	Spokane	WA
Springfield Housing Authority & Springfield Housing	Springfield	VT
St John the Baptist Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Order	Horseheads	NY
St. Luke's LifeWorks	Stamford	CT
St. Paul Good Shepherd Sisters	St Paul	MN
St. Walburg Monastery	Covington	KY
Stanly County Habitat for Humanity	Albemarle	NC
Staten Island Center for Independent Living	Staten Island	NY
Statesville Housing Authority	Statesville	NC
Statewide Housing Action Coalition	Providence	RI
Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living	Galesburg	IL

StreetWorks	Minneapolis	MN
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	Fort Worth	TX
Texas Association of Community Development Corporations		TX
Texas Tenants' Union	Dallas	TX
Texas Watch	Austin	TX
Thalia Spanish Theatre	Long Island City	NY
The Affordable Housing Network Of Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	CA
The Affordable Housing Coalition of Asheville and Buncombe		Asheville TN
The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)	Takoma Park	MD
The Coalition for the Homeless, Inc	Louisville	KY
The Dane Fund	Madison	WI
The Freedom Center	Frederick	MD
The Georgia State Trade Association of Nonprofit Developers	Atlanta	GA
The IMPACT! Group	Duluth	GA
The Institute for Community Economics	Springfield	MA
The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization	New Haven	CT
The Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action	Boston	MA
The Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network	Kalamazoo	MI
The Latin America Coalition	Charlotte	NC
The Mental Health Association of SEPA		PA
The Mental Patients Liberation Alliance		NY
The Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity	St. Louis	MO
The Oregon Province of the Jesuits	Portland	OR
The Primavera Foundation, Inc.	Tucson	AZ
The Red Wing Area Coalition for Transitional Housing	Red Wing	MN
The Resurrection Project	Chicago	IL
The Vote Solar Initiative	San Francisco	CA
The Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development, Inc.	Madison	WI
Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.	Zumbrota	MN
Tri-City Community Action Program, Inc.	Malden, Medford and Everett	MA
Tri-County Independent Living Center, Inc.	Akron	OH
Two Plus Four Construction Co.	East Syracuse	NY
Umpqua Community Development Corporation	Roseburg	OR
United Dubuque Immigrant Alliance	Dubuque	IA
United for a Fair Economy	Boston	MA
United Neighborhood Centers	Scranton	PA

United Tenants of Albany	Albany	NY
United Way of Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky	Cincinnati	OH
United Way of Greater High Point	High Point	NC
United Way of Greater Topeka	Topeka	KS
United Way of Medina County	Medina	OH
United Way of North Carolina	Raleigh	NC
United Way of Rhode Island		RI
United Way of Seneca County	Seneca Falls	NY
United Way of the Greater Dayton Area	Dayton	OH
University Neighborhood Housing Program	Bronx	NY
Urban Economic Development Association		WI
Urban Housing Solutions	Nashville	TN
Urban Pathways, Inc	New York	NY
Utah Housing Coalition		UT
Utah HUD Tenants Association		UT
Utah Issues Center for Poverty Research & Action	Salt Lake City	UT
Utah SOS 8		UT
Valle del Sol	Phoenix	AZ
Vecinos Unidos, Inc.	Dallas	TX
Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition	Burlington	VT
Vermont Alliance for Prison Justice		VT
Vermont Center for Independent Living		VT
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board	Montpelier	VT
Vermont Just Peace Advocates		VT
Virginia Coalition for the Homeless		VA
Virginia Supportive Housing		VA
Volunteers of America of Illinois		IL
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Inc.		WA
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance	Seattle	WA
Washington State Coalition for the Homeless		WA
Watts/Century Latino Organization		CA
Wayne County Center for Independent Living	Dearborn	MI
Weaver-Kirkland Development, LLC	Greensboro	NC
Wellfleet Housing Authority	Wellfleet	MA
Wesley Housing Development Corporation	Alexandria	VA
West Hollywood Community Housing Corp.	West Hollywood	CA

Westchester Housing Fund	Hawthorne	NY
Will-Grrundy Center for Independent Living	Joliet	IL
Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers	Madison	WI
Wisconsin Council of Churches	Sun Prairie	WI
Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services	Los Angeles	CA
Women's Housing & Economic Development Corporation	Bronx	NY
Woodlawn Community Development Corp	Chicago	IL
Woodlawn Organization		
Woodstock Institute	Chicago	IL
Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring	Chicago	IL
Young Adult Community Development, Inc.	Columbus	OH
YWCA El Paso	El Paso	TX
YWCA of Minneapolis	Minneapolis	MN
Zimmerman Lehman	San Francisco	CA