

# Summary of Findings, December 2024 Housing Partnership Workgroup:

### **Summary of Quantitative Responses**

- N=116
- 55 organizations
- Last time attended HPW:
  - o 56.0% Don't know, cannot determine/remember
  - o 22.4% More than 3 years
  - 18.1% Last 1-3 years
  - o 3.4% Never
- Preference for future meeting format:
  - o 48.3% Hybrid
  - o 36.2% Virtual
  - o 15.5% In person
- Top Issues for HPW to focus on (\*single responses not reported):
  - o 82.8% (96) Permanent Supportive Housing
  - o 73.3% (85) Eviction Prevention
  - o 73.3% (85) Affordable Housing
  - o 67.2% (78) Support Services (case management)
  - o 59.5% (69) Tenants with Large Balances/Debt to Landlords without Ability to Pay
  - o 58.6% (68) Landlord/Tenant Relationships
  - o 57.8% (67) Networking Opportunity
  - o 56.9% (66) Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse
  - o 51.7% (60) Tenants' Rights
  - o 50.9% (59) Rent Costs
  - o 49.1% (57) Navigating Reasonable Accommodations
  - o 47.4% (55) Funding
  - 44.8% (52) Challenges for Managers/Staff as Tenants Age in Independent Housing
  - 41.4% (48) Building Safety
  - 31.0% (36) Improving Lease-up Time for Tax Credit and Project Based Voucher Units (e.g., Delays, Filling Units Promptly)
  - 24.1% (28) Housing Development/Construction including Zoning, Permitting, etc.
  - o 22.4% (26) Government Contracts
  - o 17.2% (20) Taxes and Bonds including the SHS measure, Housing Construction Bonds

## **Summary of Qualitative Responses**

#### HPW Event Should Enable:

- 1. Collaboration and Networking
- 2. Resource Sharing and Advocacy
- 3. Education and Best Practices

#### **Event Components**

- Keynote Speakers (experts, policies, best practices, success stories)
- Panel Discussions (diverse voices, focused on housing access, justice, and SSI population)
- Interactive Workshops (centralized housing applications, addressing specific community needs, sustainable housing support strategies)
- Networking Opportunities (speed networking, breakout groups, facilitate future collaborations)
- Thematic Roundtables/Breakouts (funding, second-chance housing, policy reforms)

#### **Other ideas:**

- **Resource Fair** where organizations can share materials and discuss their services.
- **Digital Repository** for housing resources, applications, and guides
- Live Feedback Mechanisms (e.g., live polls, interactive Q&A sessions, real-time input).

#### <u>Format</u>

- Hybrid Format: Allow in-person and virtual participation to accommodate diverse attendees.
- **Repeat:** Establish HPW as part of a recurring series for ongoing dialogue and engagement
- **Inclusivity:** Address affordability definitions, barriers for marginalized communities, and focus on equity.

#### Acknowledgment and Legacy

- Recognize past contributors like Bobby Weinstock to honor their efforts.
- Celebrate the work of volunteers and organizations addressing housing challenges.

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