

# Partner Organizations

**Urban Land Institute.** The Urban Land Institute is a nonprofit education and research institute supported by its members. Its mission is to provide responsible leadership in the use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. Established in 1936, ULI has more than 36,000 members representing the entire spectrum of land use and development disciplines, and working in both private enterprise and public service. ([www.uli.org](http://www.uli.org))

**The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.** The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grantmaking institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition. Through the support it provides, the Foundation fosters the development of knowledge, nurtures individual creativity, helps strengthen institutions, helps improve public policy and provides information to the public, primarily through support for public interest media. The Foundation makes grants through four programs and by making program-related investments. ([www.macfound.org](http://www.macfound.org))

**City of Chicago, Department of Housing.** The mission of the Chicago Department of Housing (DOH) is to strengthen neighborhoods and enhance affordability by providing a range of housing opportunities for all Chicagoans. DOH goals include creating more affordable housing opportunities, improving efficiency in delivery of housing, maximizing access to private and public resources, and establishing leadership in public policy development. ([www.cityofchicago.org/housing](http://www.cityofchicago.org/housing))

**Illinois Housing Development Authority.** The Illinois Housing Development Authority finances the creation and preservation of affordable housing throughout the state to increase the supply of decent and safe places for people of low or moderate means to live. ([www.ihda.org](http://www.ihda.org))

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.** HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD embraces high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forges new partnerships—particularly with faith-based and community organizations—that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level. ([www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov))

**Cook County Government.** The Cook County Government strives to improve the quality of life for Cook County residents by supervising funding for programs that improve infrastructure, creating quality affordable housing in suburban neighborhoods, and enhancing economic development throughout suburban Cook County. ([www.co.cook.il.us](http://www.co.cook.il.us))

**The Cook County Assessor's Office.** The Cook County Assessor's Office is primarily responsible for estimating the property value of over 1.7 million parcels of real estate in Cook County. These property values are the basis for determining individual property tax bills and are the primary source for funding Cook County Government, school districts and other taxing bodies. The Assessor recognizes the importance that individual tax bills have on the success and viability of affordable housing and that a balanced mix of both affordable rental property and for-sale homes is essential to maintaining the diversity and vibrancy of Cook County. The Assessor is leading the way to ensure that sound property tax policy reflects these aims. ([www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com))

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**The Real Estate Center, DePaul University.** The Real Estate Center at DePaul University offers a comprehensive array of real estate courses available in Chicago and is the premier place for professional real estate education in the Midwest. The Real Estate Center provides not only traditional academic programs through the Department of Finance of DePaul's College of Commerce but also high-profile continuing education and conferences of specific interest to the real estate community. ([www.realestate.depaul.edu](http://www.realestate.depaul.edu))

**Center for Neighborhood Technology.** The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is a nonprofit organization that promotes the development of more livable and sustainable urban communities. CNT has been working since 1978 to create neighborhoods and regions that are more resource efficient, more economically viable and more affordable. CNT is a leader in promoting affordable transportation options and advocating and demonstrating smart, sustainable urban development. ([www.cnt.org](http://www.cnt.org))

**Community Investment Corporation.** Founded in 1974 by a consortium of banks, Community Investment Corporation is a pooled-risk mortgage lender that helps create affordable housing through lending for the acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family apartment buildings in the six-county area. Through favorable interest rates, unique loan products and prompt attention by experienced staff, CIC makes loans that others cannot. With a loan pool of more than \$550 million, CIC is committed to building the capabilities of private sector hands-on, cost-effective owners who are able to operate in low-income areas with little or no subsidy. ([www.cicchicago.com](http://www.cicchicago.com))

**Chicago Rehab Network.** The Chicago Rehab Network (CRN) is a citywide coalition of neighborhood-based community-based development organizations. Founded in 1977 by community groups seeking to pool expertise and share information, the coalition membership consists of over 40 housing organizations representing over 60 city neighborhoods. Over the years, CRN's members have created tens of thousands of affordable housing units and made a visible impact on some of Chicago's most disinvested communities, while preserving affordable housing in some of its most rapidly gentrifying ones. ([www.chicagorehab.org](http://www.chicagorehab.org))

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation.** LISC/Chicago organizes capital and other resources to support initiatives that will stimulate the comprehensive development of healthy, stable neighborhoods and foster their connection to the socio-economic mainstream of the metropolitan region. Since 1980, LISC/Chicago has infused more than \$145 million into housing and economic development, which has leveraged an additional \$3.6 billion in community investment. ([www.lisc-chicago.org](http://www.lisc-chicago.org))

**Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.** Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law is a national resource that champions law and policy, promotes equal opportunity, and supports low-income individuals, families, and communities so that they can escape poverty permanently. ([www.povertylaw.org](http://www.povertylaw.org))

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