



ADVANCING AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES & PARTNERSHIPS



EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: eFactory, 405 N Jefferson Ave, Springfield, MO 65806

Event Space: Jay Wasson Idea Loft

Synopsis: ***This symposium invites individuals and organizations interested in expanding affordable and workforce housing. It will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, government entities, commercial lenders, and non-profits to present actionable solutions for enhancing affordable and workforce housing to foster thriving communities.***

AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast and Networking (30 mins)

8:30 am – 8:40 am Welcome & Introduction (10 mins)

Aileen Dressler – MOSILC Board Member, HOME Team Co-Chair

8:40 am – 9:10 am Opening Keynote: Addressing Affordable Housing: HUD's Current Initiatives and Future Vision (30 mins)

Ulysses "Deke" Clayborn - Regional Administrator - Region VII, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

9:10 am - 9:55 am Presentation and Round Table Discussion: Innovative Strategies for Leveraging HUD Funds (45 mins)

Facilitator - Ulysses "Deke" Clayborn - Regional Administrator - Region VII, HUD

Brandon Jenson - Program Manager, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Missouri Department of Economic Development

Bob Jones - Grants Administrator, City of Springfield Planning and Development Department

9:55 am – 10:15 am Break (20 mins)

10:15 am – 10:45 am Affordable Housing: A dialogue on the Current Crisis and Shared Solutions (30 mins)

Session Objective: Explore the loss of affordable housing, identify obstacles, and provide actionable solutions for current and future housing needs.

Wayne Crawford - Executive Director, MO Inclusive Housing

10:45 am – 11:15 am Project-Based Vouchers: Essential Steps for Successful Implementation (30 mins)

Session Objective: Provide an overview of Project-Based Vouchers, analyzing their benefits and drawbacks as a tool in affordable housing.

Travis Rash - Housing Programs Manager, East Missouri Action Agency, Inc., St. Francois County Public Housing Agencies

11:15 am – 11:45 am Affordable Housing: Pathways to Profit and Impact (30 mins)

Session Objective: Explore innovative strategies that allow for the development of affordable housing while maintaining profitability.

Carla Potts - Deputy Director for Housing Development, North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC)

11:45 am – 12:15 pm Lunch (30 mins)

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Panel Discussion: Power of Partnerships (1 hour)

Session Objective: Collaborative Strategies for Developers, Lenders, and Leaders in Workforce and Affordable Housing

Katie Anderson - Executive Director, Housing Authority of Springfield

Rita Baron - Owner, Baron Design and Associates, LLC

Kylee Brown - Director of Affordable Housing & Tax Credit Lending, OakStar Bank

Brendan Griesemer - Executive Director, ReStore SGF

Debra Shantz Hart - Owner, DHTC Development, LLC

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm Speed Mentoring (30 mins)

Session Objective: Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with expert panelists, gaining insights and advice on various fields of knowledge through brief, focused discussions

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm Beverage & Snack Break (15 mins)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Exploring Innovative Strategies for Affordable and Workforce Housing Development (30 mins)

Session Objective: Identify, discuss, and evaluate creative approaches to developing affordable and workforce housing that meet the needs of diverse communities, while promoting long-term economic stability

Christian Hill - Founder & CEO, Thrive Homes

Scott Swaggert – Co-Founder, Axis

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm Closing Keynote Collective: Building Dreams, Building Futures: The Journey and Legacy of Jordan's Place (45 mins)

Session Objective: Insights to inspire and guide future affordable housing projects

Joyce Fenner - Chairperson, WC CapeAbilities

Chad Hartle - President, RCH Development, INC.

Deb Giffin – Owner, HRM Services

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Interactive Facilitated De-Brief (30 mins)

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Networking (45 mins)