



How do I participate?

To register for the housing development seminar, please contact the primary contact for your Blueprint Communities team (listed below). The primary contact will forward your registration information to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. Due to space limitations at Hidden Valley, registration is limited to six (6) individuals per Blueprint Community.

For directions and other information about Hidden Valley Resort, visit www.hiddenvalleyresort.com.

Confirmations will be sent in early October.

To learn more about the Blueprint Communities revitalization initiative, visit www.blueprintcommunities.com.

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Housing Development Seminar

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Hidden Valley Resort, Donegal/Somerset, PA

Blueprint Communities Mission

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, in cooperation with multiple partners, has developed Blueprint Communities, a neighborhood revitalization initiative that will serve as a catalyst for creating sustainable neighborhoods.

The mission of the Blueprint Communities initiative is to serve as a catalyst to revitalize older communities and neighborhoods by fostering strong local leadership, planning and capacity building in these communities and neighborhoods.

What is the Housing Development Seminar?

As part of the Blueprint Communities initiative, we will offer an intensive one-day training seminar for team members and housing developers serving each Blueprint Communities team. The seminar will provide organizations with the opportunity to learn about housing development and its relation to their community and the Blueprint Communities initiative.

The seminar will be held at Hidden Valley Resort (Donegal/Somerset, PA) on Wednesday, October 19. Each team's developer representative is expected to attend this training. Other team members are not required to attend. Attendance by nonprofits and others outside the core team is encouraged.

More specifically, the seminar will invite organizations to look at their own capacity and evaluate their community's needs for housing. It will also provide an in-depth look at the housing development process and give real-life examples on how to make deals work for both affordable and market-rate housing. Finally, the seminar will relate housing development to the overall strategy being developed by each Blueprint Communities team.

If you share a common interest in revitalizing your community and creating housing, this seminar is for you!

Seminar Schedule

8 - 9 a.m.	Check-in and Refreshments
9 - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions Introduction of presenters, funders and program partners. Overview of the seminar objectives and relationship to the Heartland Center training.
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Nonprofits and Financial Management Discusses the importance of treating a nonprofit like a small business. Looking at 1) how the nonprofit should approach financial management, 2) generating revenue to sustain the organization and understanding its strengths and weaknesses, and 3) the need for proper and sound financial management.
10:30 - 10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40 - 11:50 a.m.	Understanding Your Housing Market Assessing your housing market and making strategic development decisions based on the market need. The session will highlight the value in achieving the appropriate balance in the market (mixed income, homeownership/rental mix).
11:50 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Working Luncheon The lunch session will address how to connect housing development activities to the comprehensive strategy being devised by the Blueprint Communities team. The session will suggest tactics for housing developers to follow that can have an effect on accomplishing goals in the overall strategy.

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Development Process

An overview on the development process from start to finish for a housing development. Attendees will take a hands-on approach to learning the development process, what should be done where and how it should be undertaken.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Development and Funding Options

This session will focus on examples of development that have been a part of a larger strategy. In particular, the speakers will break down the deal, the funding sources obtained and how they were used in the project. Funders on the panel will interject information on their respective programs and how they assisted the deal.

3:45 p.m.

Adjournment

The logo for Blueprint Communities features the word "Blueprint" in a large, blue, serif font with a grid pattern overlaying the letters. Below it, the word "COMMUNITIES" is written in a smaller, bold, blue, sans-serif font.