

Arizona Housing Forum

August 18-20, 2021



Agenda at a Glance

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

CHECK-IN & WELCOME RECEPTION 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Join us at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening for the WELCOME RECEPTION Check-in and Registration will be available from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
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Thursday, August 19, 2021

7:30 am – 4:15 pm	Check-in and Information
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7:45 am – 9:00 am	Networking Breakfast
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OPENING PLENARY 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Master of Ceremonies: Director Tom Simplot WELCOME: Governor Ducey Welcome Video FORUM KICKOFF: Director Tom Simplot TUCSON MAYOR WELCOME: Director Tom Simplot
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	LIHTC Track	Community Development Track	Combating Homelessness Track
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10:15 am – 11:30 am	CREATING SUCCESSFUL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING <i>Permanent Supportive Housing is a critical component in addressing homelessness, providing a permanent home and a stabilizing environment with wrap-around supportive services. Identifying the financing and resources necessary to create supportive housing can be challenging. Hear from local stakeholders about new resources and the latest innovative methods used to create successful supportive housing projects.</i>	WEATHERIZATION RESOURCES <i>Retrofit energy efficiencies are critical to the reduction of utility costs for low-income households, the reduction of our country's dependence on foreign oil and to saving fossil fuels. Learn about resources available to low-income rental and homeowner households through various Weatherization programs in Arizona.</i>	PHOENIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE <i>Join us as we provide an overview of Arizona's current housing shortage and discuss innovative policy initiatives cities have adopted to create more housing options for all. This session will highlight policy initiatives from the Housing Phoenix Plan and Tempe's Hometowns for All. The session will also provide insight from communities that are just beginning their housing policy journey. Together we will discuss different housing initiatives, tips on how to educate communities on the importance of affordable housing and explore how all of this can help you create or preserve affordable housing.</i>
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11:45 am – 1:30 pm	Keynote Luncheon – Simon T. Bailey		
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2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	SYNDICATOR THINK TANK <i>Join us with a robust panel of national Syndicators who will provide updates and their expertise on the Arizona market, including 2021 equity market activity, forecast 2022 equity market activity, share perspectives on Credit pricing trends, the increased volume of tax-exempt bond deals, Average Income Test development underwriting, new partnership audit rules, potential changes in the investor base, state tax credits, and portfolio performance. We will also take a deep dive into the current construction market, and evaluate how construction cost increases have affected and continue to affect underwriting.</i>	CD&R ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (PART 1) <i>Refresh your memory on this critical piece of any federally funded project. Learn the latest best practices for successful submission of a complete report and the achievement of an authority to use federal grant funds on your project.</i>	PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING INITIATIVES <i>Addressing homelessness and affordable housing needs in Arizona requires commitment from both the public and private sectors. Get the latest information about the Arizona Housing Fund, the Home Matters Arizona fund, and other sources created by private sector business leaders, and learn how to access these new funding opportunities for supportive, workforce, and affordable housing.</i>
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3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Networking Break		
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<p>WASHINGTON UPDATE <i>Since its creation in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program has been consistently effective at leveraging private capital to fund the development and preservation of high quality affordable rental housing. Engage with NCSHA and Novogradac as they provide Washington DC policy updates, and educate us on current legislation involving the 9% and 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit, including housing policy actions out of DC toward increased affordability and accessibility. We will also spend time understanding the intent of the American Rescue Plan, CARES Act and other federal resources allocated to the State of Arizona, as we recover from the pandemic.</i></p>	<p>CD&R ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (PART 2) <i>In this continuation from Part 1 we will cover additional best practices and answer your burning ERR questions. Then you can test your skills with our ERR Knowledge Game!</i></p>	<p>HOTELS TO HOUSING <i>This session will explore how two hotel-based temporary shelter programs were initiated during the pandemic to provide housing and intensive wrap-around services to help residents stabilize and successfully move on to permanent housing. Learn how these innovative programs may be used as models for future regional, specialized transitional housing using vacant hotels or other existing properties.</i></p>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOCUS GROUP		
Friday, August 20, 2021			
7:30 am – 1:15 pm	Check-in and Information		
7:30 am – 8:45 am	Networking Breakfast		
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9:00 am – 10:15 am	<p>EXPANDING HOUSING SUPPLY THROUGH STATE AND FEDERAL TAX CREDITS <i>Arizona's housing crisis is largely driven by a sheer lack of housing supply in the marketplace. The National Low Income Housing Coalition's data shows an immediate need for an additional 136,000 units of rental housing in Arizona for extremely low income households alone. Join a conversation with a lobbyist, an accountant and a developer to discuss emerging opportunities in state and federal tax credits as our industry seeks to rapidly expand affordable housing production.</i></p>	<p>COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING UPDATES <i>HUD has made significant changes to Section 3 with the September 2020 Final Rule that will impact projects receiving \$200,000 or more of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG, National HTF, and Economic Stimulus assistance. Learn how the final rule shifts focus to labor hours reporting, new priority project workforce groups, and newly-defined Section 3 businesses, and what you will have to do to comply.</i></p>	<p>YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION <i>In 2019, the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness received a \$4.6million, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant requires the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness with a focus on innovation and lived experience. Learn about the significant strides made by this impressive regional collaboration using a mixture of evidence based practices and innovative approaches to combat youth homelessness.</i></p>

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<p>10:30 am - 11:45 am</p>	<p>NON PROFIT YEAR-15 LIHTC ISSUES <i>As housing advocates, our goal is create affordable housing that endeavors to stay permanently affordable. The Right of First Refusal is an important provision of the LIHTC program that protects permanent affordability by enabling nonprofits to buy the buildings they develop for a minimal price at the end of the 15 year compliance period when the tax credit investor exits. Join us as expert panelists navigate these complex issues, and offer advice to nonprofits on how to protect their rights and understand their important role.</i></p>	<p>WALK THE WALK AND TALK THE TALK: UNDERSTANDING HOW OTHERS COMMUNICATE SO YOU CAN BETTER CONNECT <i>You show up in life everyday with every intention of being amazing and making a difference. And just as you feel like you are hitting your stride – maybe you're even ready to high-five everyone you encounter because you have had a pretty good day so far – it happens.</i></p> <p><i>You bump heads with someone who doesn't quite "speak your language," who's unhappy about one thing or another. What do you do, and more importantly, how do you keep your cool?</i></p> <p><i>In this interactive session, learn your own communication style, the communication styles of others, and how to communicate in a way that connects with others. You will walk away knowing how the most confident professionals walk that walk and talk that talk.</i></p>	<p>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN <i>This \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus and relief package was signed into law in March 2021, and the money is already flowing into our state. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds multiple housing-related programs including rental and homeowner assistance, homeless assistance and supportive services, emergency housing vouchers, housing counseling, and more. Learn how much of this stimulus is designated for Arizona and how our state, county, and local agencies are spending their allocations.</i></p>
<p>12:00 pm – 1:15 pm</p>	<p>HOUSING HERO LUNCHEON – Hosted by Director Tom Simplot</p>		
<p>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN (QAP) FOCUS GROUP</p>		