A Place to Call Home: How RDOs and Other Partners Assist Rural Housing

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Agenda

• Introduction
• Who is NeighborWorks?
• How Do We Engage and Support Rural Housing and Communities?
• Rural Housing Best Practices
• Resources and Opportunities
NeighborWorks Mission

NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities.

We offer programs and support to help community-serving organizations maintain healthy operations, measure the reach of their efforts, expand their programs to meet community needs, and move toward long-term stability and growth. We build skills, supplement resources and amplify the reach of organizations so they can empower more individuals and transform more communities.
At the foundation of the NeighborWorks mission are more than 240 strong, healthy and prepared NeighborWorks network organizations in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
Sample of NeighborWorks Activities

- Lending Through CDFIs
- Homebuyer Assistance and Counseling
- Rental Eviction Prevention
- Housing Rehabilitation and Replacement
- Affordable Housing Development
- Small Business and Commercial Microlending
- Community Development Partnerships
- Organizational Resiliency
- Professional Training
- Community Building and Engagement
NeighborWorks Impact

- **Grants** - FY19, $91 million in grant funding was distributed from our annual core appropriation.

- **Community Impact** - FY19, more than $9.65 billion of investment in communities.

- **Technical Assistance** - grants, capacity-building, peer exchange

- **Training and Leadership Development** - FY19, awarded over 14,000 training certificates

- **Organizational Assessment** - Data-driven methodologies and evaluations
Rural Initiative

• 116 member NeighborWorks organizations work predominantly in the rural space

• Origins: Informal rural organization cohorts since 1980s; formalized into Initiative in 2000.

• Funded grants, studies, toolkits, and peer exchange programs include topics such as rural capital, manufactured housing, broadband access, healthy communities, and civic engagement.
Engage and Support Rural Communities

NeighborWorks Organization Snapshot
HOPE Enterprise Corp Mississippi

- The HOPE Community Partnership provides strategic and focused community and economic development training and technical assistance for communities.

- The ultimate goals are to advance key economic development projects, attract private and public resources, expand economic opportunity, and build the financial capability of the communities and their residents.
Self-Help Enterprises
California

• Home Construction and Repair
• Homeownership Education and Down Payment Assistance
• Rental Community Construction
• Small Business and Individual Lending
• Sustainable Energy Solutions
• Emergency Services
NeighborWorks Montana

A multi-faceted organization providing:

• Homeownership Counseling
• Real Estate Development Lending
• Homeownership Lending
• Resident Owned Community (ROC) support for Manufactured Housing
Resources and Partnerships

• Network Directory  
https://www.neighborworks.org/Our-Network/Network-Directory

• Training Services  
https://www.neighborworks.org/Training-Services

• Success Measures  
https://www.neighborworks.org/Community/Outcome-Measurement

• National Housing Intermediary Partners
  • Housing Assistance Council (HAC)
  • Enterprise
  • Rural LISC
Thank You!

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