About the Collaborative

With a critical shortage of affordable and supportive housing in New York City and New York State, the **Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative** is being established to augment the efforts of City and State governments and the network of not-for-profit and for-profit housing developers to address the housing crisis by helping faith communities to produce affordable and supportive housing on their properties. We seek to accomplish this by matching faith-based properties with technical assistance and faith and community-based funds as part of a broader effort of faith and community-based organizations working to stabilize and strengthen our neighborhoods. Since its inception in 2017, the Collaborative has been enjoying significant support from many of the major groups in NYC committed to producing and preserving affordable and supportive housing.
The Need

Many faith organizations with property may have the potential to develop affordable and supportive housing but do not have the resources to determine the feasibility of such an effort. The most critical funding needed to begin the process of housing development is pre-development funding to enable a potential housing sponsor to do the fact-finding and feasibility studies on the development of such housing. In the recent past, a considerable number of faith-based organizations with property, not fully aware of their options regarding the possibility of developing below-market or special needs housing to further their missions, have entered into agreements not in their best interests or those of their community.

Organizational Board Members
Collegiate Churches of New York
Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing
New York State Council of Churches
Enterprise Community Partners
Presbytery of New York City
Banana Kelly Community Development
United Clergy Task Force
(membership in formation)

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Collaborative Objectives

- To assist in the broad education and outreach to New York’s faith community regarding options that may be available for utilizing their property to produce affordable and supportive housing.

- To establish a pre-development technical assistance recoverable grant fund that can assist faith organizations with property in developing affordable and/or supportive housing. The initial fund target is $100,000, which could assist between 4 & 8 projects.

We Invite You to Contribute

The Collaborative invites potential faith-based partners and others to help establish a Pre-Development Technical Assistance Recoverable Grant Fund to match faith funds with faith properties to create supportive and affordable housing in New York City and New York State. The Collaborative also seeks faith communities interested in sponsoring affordable housing initiatives.

Recoverable Grant Fund

The pre-development recoverable grants – including a small matching component to be provided at no interest to the faith organization. Repayment would be sought upon successful funding of the development contract. As of 2/1/18 the Fund has received expressions of intent totaling $51,000 ($25m from Collegiate Church, $25m from Enterprise Partners, and $1,000 from the Dergah Al Farah).

Contact Us

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