

1. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the Texas Foreclosure Crisis

Moderator:

Heather Way, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Panelists:

Bill Hall, DALLAS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Robb Stevenson, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

This panel will feature the new Neighborhood Stabilization Program and include a discussion of what these funds can be used for, TDHCA's newly released program requirements, how local CDCs are looking to utilize these funds, and evolving best practices. This session will include time for participants to share the plans in their communities and share ideas of ways to best utilize these funds to stabilize Texas neighborhoods.

2. Green By Design – Austin Energy

Panelists:

Dick Peterson, DALLAS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mary McLeod

John Umphress,

The Award Winning Austin Energy provides a condensed version of the Green by Design workshop, preparing you to build or remodel a home including how to improve energy and water efficiency, increase comfort, and reduce maintenance.

3. Q & A session with a CDFI Application Reviewer/CDFI Roundtable

Moderator:

Victor Elmore, TEXAS MEZZANINE FUND

Panelists:

Denese Neu, HHS PLANNING & CONSULTING, INC.

The competition for community development funds is increasing and there will never be enough money to award all requests. Grant reviewers are tasked with making the hard decisions for disbursement. Has your CDFI Fund application been rejected or are you thinking about applying for future rounds? Here is an opportunity to sit down with a CDFI reviewer to ask questions about the process and how to improve your application presentation. By learning more about the review process, you can improve your odds for funding. This is an excellent preliminary session for the Grant Proposals training session.

4. Innovative Financing: Underutilized Ways to Use Innovative Financing with Bonds, Tax Credits, and Government Programs

Moderator:

Mark Nerio, CITIBANK

Panelists:

Omar Chaudhry, WACHOVIA

Julius Kimbrough, LIBERTY BANK

David Danenfelzer, TEXAS STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

Craig Hackett, BONNEVILLE MULTIFAMILY

Learn how others have applied and layered funding and how they overcame obstacles. Presenters from Wachovia Bank, TSAHC, Bonneville Multifamily, and Liberty Bank will give firsthand accounts of their projects, their obstacles, and how they overcame them to provide more affordable housing.

5. Innovative Financing: Underutilized Ways to Use Innovative Financing with Bonds, Tax Credits, and Government Programs

Moderator:

Amanda Timm, LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION

Panelists:

Courtney Davis, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Norman Henry, BUILDERS OF HOPE CDC

The foreclosure crisis is creating a growing threat to community stability through a surge in abandoned properties. This session will provide information on different tools CDCs and other community stakeholders can use to address the problems created by abandoned properties and other dangerous properties. The University of Texas School of Law will present an outline of its new abandoned properties toolkit, which is due out in May, and Builders of Hope CDC will discuss some the recent collaborative work in Dallas that CDCs have led to address this systemic problem.

**6. Green By Design – Austin Energy
(continued from 1:30PM to 3:00PM Breakout Session)**