

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The October newsletter is also available in a convenient video format for viewing on your smartphone by visiting [PHFA's YouTube page](#).*

## TOP STORIES

### PHFA issues RFP for local groups to request funding for housing initiatives

PHFA has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) inviting applications from organizations for projects to improve the availability and affordability of housing across the commonwealth. Funding for this RFP is being provided through the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund. The total PHARE funding available this year exceeds \$54 million.

PHARE receives its funding from three sources including the impact fee levied on natural gas drilling companies, a portion of the Realty Transfer Tax, and money from the National Housing Trust Fund. Funding is available for housing initiatives in all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

PHARE applications can be completed entirely online, eliminating the need for paper submissions and simplifying the process for applicants. The RFP is located on [PHFA's website](#), and the application is accessible at <https://phare.phfa.org/>. Applications are due no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. Questions may be directed to Bryce Maretzki at PHFA via email at [bmaretzki@phfa.org](mailto:bmaretzki@phfa.org) or by phone at 717-780-1867.

### PHFA hosts funding workshop

The agency hosted a workshop in late September for recipients of an award of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, PHARE and PennHOMES funds. This information session provided guidance on tax credit and loan processing requirements for development closings with the agency.

## PHFA AROUND THE STATE

Here's a sampling of some multifamily developments that were recently in the news. All received funding from PHFA.



Pennrose celebrated the start of construction of Bensalem Veterans Residences in Bensalem in early August. Once completed, the development will offer 40 units of affordable housing for seniors and senior veterans age 62 and older. PHFA's Executive Director Brian Hudson participated in the groundbreaking.

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A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Flemington in late July starting construction on Susquehannock Heights. The development will include 32 units for people 62 and older. PHFA's Director of Development Holly Glauser (right, lower) spoke during the event.



ACTION-Housing held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late September introducing the renovated Homestead Bakery Lofts. The newly remodeled historic bakery includes 26 units of affordable housing and 12,000 square feet of commercial space. PHFA's Director of the Western Region Ali Tomich represented the agency at the event.

Oakland Affordable Living celebrated the opening of the renovated Allequippa Place and 2520 Wadsworth Street in late August in Oakland. Allequippa Place consists of two- and three-bedroom affordable housing units. The newly constructed 2520 Wadsworth Street is ADA accessible and offers 24 one-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit, including two units that are hearing and vision accessible. PHFA's Brian Hudson and Board Vice Chair Mark Schwartz attended,



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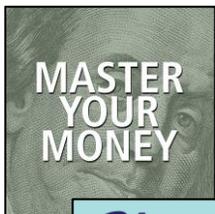
United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation held a groundbreaking ceremony in late August in Carbondale. Once completed, the new Fallbrook development will provide 36 apartments and townhomes. Six apartments will be equipped for the elderly and several units will be equipped for people with disabilities.



Highland Hall Senior Housing in Hollidaysburg was chosen as the seniors housing winner in Affordable Housing Finance magazine's 2019 Readers' Choice Awards. The 150-year-old historic building formerly housed a County Courthouse Annex and several schools. It now offers 53 units of affordable senior housing. Congratulations to developer S & A Homes. Photos courtesy of Poole-Anderson.

## NEW RESOURCES

### PHFA now offering podcasts about homebuying and money management



PHFA is continuing to add episodes to its new podcasting programs. One podcast, led by our homeownership director, Coleen Baumert, is about homebuying. Our goal is to help homebuyers with the many questions they have about the homebuying process. The second podcast is about personal money management and is led by PHFA's Senior Financial Education Officer Holly Zugay. Each podcast currently has six episodes, and we hope to add an episode every month, at a minimum.

We invite you to listen to both podcasts and share them with your customers, clients and business partners. You can access the podcasts at <https://www.phfa.org/podcast/>, or by searching PHFA on iTunes or Spotify. If you have any feedback or content suggestions, please email the shows' producer, Renae Hyson at [rhyson@phfa.org](mailto:rhyson@phfa.org).

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### PHFA employees walk for a cause

In early August, PHFA employees, led by Tonya Warren, participated in the Harrisburg Senators Family Fun Run/Walk for Epilepsy. The walk took place on City Island in Harrisburg. Warren had participation by 20 members of her team, Tonya's Treasures (shown in photo). They raised more than \$2,000 to support people who have epilepsy and seizure disorders.



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