THE PHARE PROGRAM: AT A GLANCE

The PHARE Act was established in 2010 to provide the funding throughout the Commonwealth to assist with the creation, rehabilitation, and support of affordable housing. Currently, the program is funded by two funding sources, the Realty Transfer Tax Fund and the Marcellus Shale Fund.

REALTY TRANSFER TAX FUND
- Available in all PA Counties.
- Awarded 883 grants since 2016.
- 435 projects completed to date.
- $149,865,897 funds awarded to date.

MARCELLUS SHALE FUND
- Currently available in 32 Counties.
- Awarded 393 grants since 2012.
- 272 projects completed to date.
- $70,123,466 funds awarded to date.

PHFA interviewed with the Inglis Foundation to highlight the community impact of the $40,000 grant that was awarded to Inglis Community Services, Inc (ICS) in 2022.

The organization’s newest property, Makemie Court, opened in July 2022 as a 44-unit apartment complex to serve the senior population, including at least 5 units allocated for seniors with severe physical disabilities. Additionally, at least 8 of the 44 units are for individuals of any age who have disabilities. The development of this project was funded with tax credits from PHFA in collaboration with HumanGood Pennsylvania.

As part of the ICS initiative, Inglis Assistive Technology Services obtained PHARE funds to provide a Community Educator for the Smart Home technology that was installed in 44 brand new affordable housing units at Makemie Court.

This innovative project includes the assessment, training, and ongoing technical support to enhance functional independence inside the home. Smart technology such as Alexa, and the Ring doorbell to control apartment lights, front door entry, thermostat adjustments, and blind adjustments are all made accessible to residents in their units to improve quality of life.

Inglis was founded in 1877 as “Inglis House” which was developed as a multi-service nursing facility. As Inglis’ programming and services expanded, Inglis Housing Corporation was created and has become the largest private provider of accessible and affordable housing within the Greater Philadelphia region.

Managing thirteen communities with over 300 affordable apartment homes for individuals with disabilities, the mission of the Inglis organization is to enable people with disabilities to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest.