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PHFA plans webinars to guide applicants responding to PHARE RFP

HARRISBURG – PHFA is planning two webinars to help organizations and individuals responding to PHFA’s annual RFP for projects to improve the availability and affordability of housing across the commonwealth. The RFP is in association with the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) fund.

“These webinars provide an easily accessible way for us to inform people about the RFP,” said PHFA CEO and Executive Director Brian A. Hudson Sr. “We’re inviting all interested parties to participate in one of these two webinars so they get accurate answers to any questions they may have.”

Prior to the webinars, applicants can learn more about the RFP on the [PHARE web pages](#) on the PHFA website. Questions also may be directed to Bryce Maretzki at PHFA at bmaretzki@phfa.org or by phone at 717.780.1867.

The two informational webinars will cover the same information, so participants need only participate in one of the events. Webinar dates and times are:

- Wed., Aug. 23 at 10 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 19 at 10 a.m.

Interested participants are encouraged to watch the PHARE web page for the links to be posted to these two webinars.

The PHARE fund has been allocating money for local housing initiatives since 2012. These funds have resulted in significant benefits that include:

- 5,893 individuals and families have received rental or utility assistance
- 1,811 homes have been rehabilitated and preserved for continued use
- 1,240 new rental units have been created
- 112 new single-family homes have been constructed
- 353 future home sites have been prepared through site acquisition and demolition
- 160 homeowners are receiving purchase assistance
- PHARE funds have been used to leverage an additional \$470 million investment in housing in Pennsylvania

About PHFA

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated more than \$13.2 billion of funding for nearly 168,500 single-family

home mortgage loans, helped fund the construction of 132,531 rental units, and saved the homes of more than 48,900 families from foreclosure. PHFA programs and operations are funded primarily by the sale of securities and from fees paid by program users, not by public tax dollars. The agency is governed by a 14-member board.

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