

EVALUATION OF THE HOUSING CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

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Project Summary: The Housing Capacity Building Program (HCBP) was intended to strengthen the capacity of nonprofit organizations involved in the development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of affordable housing and the provision of housing-related social services for Delaware's low- and moderate-income populations. HCBP was a jointly sponsored initiative of the University of Delaware's Center for Community Development and Family Policy, the Delaware Community Investment Corporation, and the Delaware State Housing Authority. The program was composed of four major components: Financial Assistance, Housing Information and Awareness, Training, and Technical Assistance. The purpose of the evaluation effort was to assess HCBP's planning process, implementation experiences, and impacts on housing and community development in Delaware. Key project tasks performed by CRC staff involved the following:

- establishing baseline measures (both quantitative and qualitative) against which to measure HCBP performance and progress over time,
- collection and review of existing documentation and data,
- telephone interviews with organizations accessing HCBP services,
- on-site interviews with HCBP administrators and staff, organizations receiving capacity building grants, and various others involved with the HCBP, and
- analysis and reporting of synthesized results.

Report:

J. Trutko, *Final Report on the Evaluation of the Housing Capacity Building Program*, James Bell Associate, Inc., prepared for the University of Delaware's Center for Community Development, 1999.

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