

→ LIHTC in Jeopardy

The low-income housing tax credit has less than a 50 percent chance of survival next year if the affordable housing industry does nothing, said Terri Ludwig, president and CEO of Enterprise Community Partners.

FULL ARTICLE: <http://www.housingfinance.com/lihtc/lihtc-in-jeopardy.aspx>

→ Civil Society Chinese Style: The Rise of the Nonprofit Sector in Post-Mao China NonProfit Quarterly

→ King County GreenTools Workshop

Featuring national green building leader
Ann V. Edminster, M.Arch., LEED AP+Homes

Thursday, December 6, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

YWCA Family Village at Issaquah Community Center
930 NE High Street, Issaquah, WA

“Green, high-performing housing projects are the result of organizational change — either by design or by default. The performance goals are reached much more easily, cost-effectively, and most replicable when those changes are made intentionally, with the ultimate goals in mind.”

— *Ann V. Edminster*

About the Workshop:

Learn what leading project teams do to produce high-performance housing – comfortable, healthy, affordable, durable, and maintainable. Instead of innovative products and new technologies, new performance objectives demand new knowledge, skills, resources and relationships. Major workshop components include:

- Strategies and tools for laying the essential groundwork necessary to consistently meet higher performance standards while avoiding the common pitfalls;
- Practical, local examples of how the approach affects outcomes in the design, construction and occupancy phases; and
- A facilitated panel discussion.

The workshop takes place in a living laboratory of success – The YWCA Family Village at Issaquah. Get your ducks in a row and bring your project partners!

→ Washington State Senate: Jeannie Darneille will be vice chair of Human Services

➔ How do we protect affordable housing and programs that prevent homelessness?

[Step 1: Stay Informed! Join us for an important update on sequestration this Thursday.](#)

Step 2: Take Action TODAY!

Sign the petition against sequestration and ask your board to pass a resolution opposing sequestration. Join with other housing and homelessness advocates to tell Congress not to balance the federal deficit on the backs of the most vulnerable in our communities. Please take a moment to sign today. [Click here to sign on as an individual.](#) [Click here to see the sample board resolution.](#)

➔ **Resilience and Rebuilding for Low-Income Communities:**

Research to Inform Policy and Practice

Registration is now open for the eighth Federal Reserve community development research conference. Please join us on April 11–12, 2013, in Washington, D.C. for this exciting and informative event—[register now to secure your seat!](#)

➔ **Save the Date: Rebuilding Together South Sound's 5th Annual Give a Heart a Home Gala!**

We are so excited to continue this annual event with dinner and an open bar to fund critical repair needs by some of our most vulnerable population – low-income homeowners who are elderly, disabled or a family with children. 02-23-2013 – 5:50 - Chambers Bay Environmental Services Building - \$125 in advance or \$150 at the door

➔ **Bank of America Charitable Foundation's Student Leaders® Program** is accepting applications for the 2013 program. In light of your affiliation with youth programs, we would like your help to spread the word about the Student Leaders Program.

- A summer eight-week paid internship with a nonprofit organization selected by the bank. This internship is designed to provide opportunities for the students to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on work experience, while raising their awareness of community issues addressed by their Host Organization.
- The week-long, all-expense paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. from July 8-12, 2013. Conducted in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the Summit introduces students to aspects of civic, social and business leadership and provides them with knowledge and skills they will use throughout their life to create positive community change.

Note the application deadline of *January 25, 2013*.

Posters are also available to help advertise the program. If you would like posters, please contact Michael Dotson at Michael.j.dotson@bankofamerica.com with your mailing address and requested quantity.

Students can apply for the program by going to www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders.

➔ **New Poverty Analysis Shows Importance of Tax Credits, SNAP, Unemployment Insurance**

The U.S. Census Bureau released its [Supplemental Poverty Measure](#) (SPM) findings for 2011 last week, showing its research taking into account estimates of people's income and expenditures that more accurately reflect current patterns. The Supplemental Poverty Measure, unlike the official definition of poverty, counts SNAP/food stamps, housing and energy assistance and low-income tax credits as income; it also subtracts work-related expenses, including child care, taxes paid, medical out-of-pocket expenses, and child support paid.

Using these more modern estimates, 16.1 percent of people in the U.S. are poor (49.6 million people), one percentage point more than the official measure. Poverty rises sharply for people aged 65 and older, from 8.7 percent to 15.1 percent, in large part because of high medical expenses. Poverty is shown to decrease among children (dropping from the official rate of 22.3 percent to 18.1 percent), because benefits such as SNAP and low-income tax credits are utilized by families with children.

These new findings show that benefits like SNAP and the tax credits lift millions out of poverty. For example, 8.7 million people were lifted out of poverty by the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit in 2011. SNAP/food stamps lifted 4.7 million people out of poverty. This is important and timely new evidence as Congress is now considering whether to cut these programs.

For the first time, the Census Bureau has amassed enough data to provide state estimates using the Supplemental Poverty Measure. States with high living expenses or larger populations of seniors tended to show higher poverty rates using the SPM. For example, California's SPM was 23.5 percent; its official measure for 2011 was 16.3 percent. Florida's SPM was 19.5 percent, compared to an official rate of 15.3 percent. On the other hand, Maine's SPM was lower, at 10.9 percent, while the official measure was 12.7 percent.

Two helpful analyses of the 2011 Supplemental Poverty Measure findings:

- Center for American Progress, Melissa Boteach: [*New Poverty Data Provide Crucial Information on Effectiveness of Public Policies and Offer Insights into Fiscal Cliff Negotiations*](#)
 - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Arloc Sherman: [*Antipoverty Programs Having Big Impact, New Government Poverty Measure Shows*](#)
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➔ **Think you can fill Ric Teasley's shoes?** The City has posted a job opening for the Housing Division Manager position (Ric Teasley's position). The job description and application are available on the City's website at: <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?nid=7>. The job posting closes November 30, 2012.

➔ LIHTC Info

Website [2013 9% LIHTC Program Advisory](#). If you have questions please contact program staff at 206.464.7139 or email us at askusTC@wshfc.org

➔ Washington Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations

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➔ Ready to Rent Classes

2-day (8 hrs each day) course held in the Tacoma/Parkland area. To receive the Ready to Rent certification, participants must attend both sessions in order (#1, then #2). All participants should come with a copy of their credit report and public record. You can obtain the FREE reports from www.annualcreditreport.com

You can obtain your FREE public record from dw.courts.wa.gov

It is advised that participants bring a sack lunch. Please contact Michelle Longo at 253-620-5400 x1424 to register for an upcoming class as class size is limited.

➔ **Generational Trends in Homeownership – MBA Nov 2012**

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/Generational%20Trends%20in%20Home%20Ownership%20MBA%20Nov12.pdf>