

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Committee Chairs: Rep. Michael Sturla, Chair
 Rep. Irvin Rich, Republican Chair

- Introduction and PAHRA Overview – Appreciation for the Invitation to Present
- Pat Mack, PAHRA President, Northumberland County Housing Authority
- Andrew French, Legislative Co-Chair, Fayette County Redevelopment Authority
- Regina Mitchell, Legislative Co-Chair, City of York Housing Authority
- Over 200 Member Agencies – housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, community development agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Land Banks – Thanks to Act 33 of 2018.

- General Legislative Priorities
 - Support efforts to improve and expand the availability of quality and equitable affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income persons through the Commonwealth.
 - Includes development and maintenance of public and private rental and supportive housing, single family owner-occupied housing, and development of initiatives for new homeownership opportunities.
 - Support for Neighborhood, Community, and Economic Development Initiatives – recognizing inter-relationship of all aspects that make up a community and the integral role we play as local housing and redevelopment authorities.
 - Support for Blight Legislation and Land Banks – Bipartisan support and success (working with partners at the Housing Alliance, PSATS, Borough’s Association, PA Municipal League).
 - Support for Broadband expansion and development.

- Administrative / Budget Priorities
 - Support for Other State / Federal Programs – HUD (Public Housing, Section 8, CDBG, HOME, ESG), DOE/Health and Human Services - Weatherization, LIHTC, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), Keystone Communities, CFA, Local Share Account (LSA).
 - Unprecedented funding opportunities – CARES, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - New Investments
 - Whole Home Repairs Program - \$120 million ARPA
 - PHFA-PHARE – Increased Cap (\$40, \$60, \$80, \$100 million)
 - Broadband Development – (\$200 million - ARPA, \$1.0 billion – BEAD)
 - Recognition of local partners implementing programs and initiatives and support for building and maintaining local capacity.
 - Workforce Development – both local agencies and sub-contractors
 - Administrative / Operational Support Funding
 - Regulatory / programmatic flexibility – to the greatest extent feasible while maintaining accountability

- Appreciation (again) for Invitation to Present – Offer for Future Assistance with Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Development Issues Moving Forward – PA Housing Advisory Committee – CD&H Practitioners Committee – Bipartisan Blight Task Force