



Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative

WHO WE ARE

The Interfaith Affordable Housing Collaborative (IAHC) is a statewide collective of faith-based organizations who advise faith-based institutions throughout New York State on mission-driven real estate development opportunities. Within NYC, we work through the ***Faith Based Partnership for Affordable Housing and Community Development*** to achieve these goals. With a critical shortage of affordable and supportive housing in New York State, the IHAC was established to augment the efforts of local and state governments and the network of housing developers to address the housing crisis by helping faith communities to produce affordable and supportive housing on their properties. We seek to match faith-based properties with technical assistance and faith and community-based funds as part of a broader effort of faith and community-based organizations working to stabilize and strengthen our neighborhoods. We seek to build relationships, educate, and engage faith-based organizations on public policy issues (including zoning, comprehensive plans, budget, financing) in connection with affordable housing and homelessness.

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WHY OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT

IAHC's pre-development fund helps congregations to determine the viability of affordable and supportive housing development on their property and to move towards completion of that project. We are committed to ensuring diverse congregations throughout New York State have the opportunity to use their building and property assets to further their mission including addressing the housing and homelessness crisis in their community.

Many faith organizations with property may have the potential to develop affordable and supportive housing but do not have the resources to determine the feasibility of such an effort. The most critical funding needed to begin the process of housing development is ***pre-development funding*** to enable a potential housing sponsor to do the fact-finding and feasibility studies on the development of such housing. In the recent past, a considerable number of faith-based organizations with property, not fully aware of their options regarding the possibility of developing below-market or special needs housing to further their missions, have entered into agreements not in their best interests or those of their community.



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To prevent this the Collaborative supports congregations and other faith-based organizations through a clearly defined six phase pre-development process: Discernment, Application Preparation, Completion of Scope of Work, Request for Proposals, Negotiating the Development Agreement, and Implementation of the Development Agreement.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Assistance talking to congregations about possibilities for development, without putting money on the table.
- Skilled thought partners who can help congregations assess property and mission, and decide on how to best move forward.
- Help congregations look at their relationships with their neighbors and community, and discern how best to serve them.
- Workshops to guide congregations through pre-development processes.
- Workshops aimed to help all congregations advocate for public policies and laws to make it easier to care for the most vulnerable and develop affordable housing.
- Assist congregations in preparing a Request for Proposals and negotiate contracts with providers and developers.

Learn More at: <https://www.iahcnyc.org/>

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