



THE *Oak Park Regional*
HOUSING CENTER

BUILDING COMMUNITIES: OAK PARK AND BEYOND

1972 -present

***MISSION: TO PROMOTE AND SUSTAIN
RESIDENTIAL INTEGRATION WHILE
CREATING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.***





HUD CERTIFICATE

APPROVED HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCY

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approves the following entity as a Local Housing Counseling Agency.

**OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AKA WEST COOK
HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER (84516)
5934 W Lake St
Chicago, IL 60644-1833**

The Department approved this housing counseling agency to provide the following types of housing counseling in accordance with their counseling work plan.

Counseling:

- Financial Management/Budget Counseling
- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling
- Pre-purchase Counseling

Workshop:

- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops
- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops

Approval Start Date: **October 10, 2023**

Approval End Date: **October 10, 2024**

Kisha J Wright

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Director, Oversight and Accountability
Office of Housing Counseling

2023 IN REVIEW

- **March 30, 2023: AUA Project Partner Defect**
- **May 26: HUD Inactivation**
- **July 30: OPRHC Staff decrease**
- **September 11: MHN-Wellness West Rental Program**
- **October 10: HUD Reinstatement**
- **November 17: Power of Engagement Funding approved**
- **December 5: Homeownership Fair (Chicago)**
- **December 19: Full funding from Cook County PY22**

Financial Capability Assessment Review Report

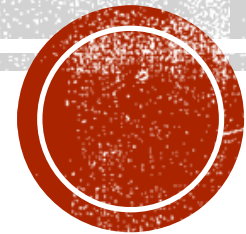
We obtained OPRHC policies and procedures surrounding cash management. We reviewed the documentation to determine if OPRHC policies and procedures related to cash receipts and cash disbursements are in compliance with required HUD regulations. No exceptions noted.



WITH APPROPRIATE TIME AND FUNDING WE AIM TO:

- **INCREASE STAFF CAPACITY:** NEED TO HIRE KEY STAFF TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL WORK.
- **REINVIGORATE THE INTEGRATION PROGRAM:** WORK CLOSER WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE VILLAGE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SUSTAIN.
- **INCREASING & SUSTAINING RENTAL & HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE.
- **INCREASING HOUSING INVENTORY:** OPRHC HAS SITE CONTROL FOR SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE.
- **INCREASED SUPPORT FOR RESIDENT ADVOCACY:** OPRHC HAS ESTABLISHED PLATFORMS FOR TENANT SUPPORT- NEIGHBORS KNOWING NEIGHBORS (NKN); POWER OF ENGAGEMENT (POE).

WORKSHOPS / PRESENTATIONS



Save the Date: Building Owner Fair Housing Virtual Meeting.

**Wednesday April 24th, 2024
10am via Zoom**

Learn more about:

Oak Park and Cook County Updates
Fair Housing Updates
Updated 2024 Housing laws
The state of the local market, and more



Reserve your free spot
today.

Register by emailing
MStewart@oprhc.org

SECOND SATURDAY HOMEBUYER CLASS

If you want to purchase a home, this class is for you!

**Learn about your options for down payment assistance
and how to work with the professional partners you need
to purchase your home!**

**Call Oak Park Regional Housing Center for more info:
708-848-7150**

**A COMMUNITY FIRST HOUSING COUNSELING
RESOURCE PROGRAM**

**RULES OF ENGAGEMENT: TO QUALIFY FOR A HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PART 1 AND 2, YOU MUST ATTEND
THIS CLASS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF TWO HOURS OF AN INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING SESSION**



Credit & Debt Management

Do you have less than perfect or no credit?
Do you have questions about Credit scores or credit reports?
Have you been turned down for a car or business loan?
Do you want to buy a home but don't know where to start?

SCORE BIG AND GET YOUR FINANCIAL FREEDOM!

For more information call: 708-848-7150

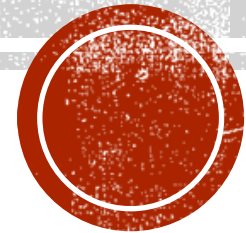


Will you join us?

10 AM to 12 PM

**Class held on the fourth
Saturday of each month.**

UPCOMING PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

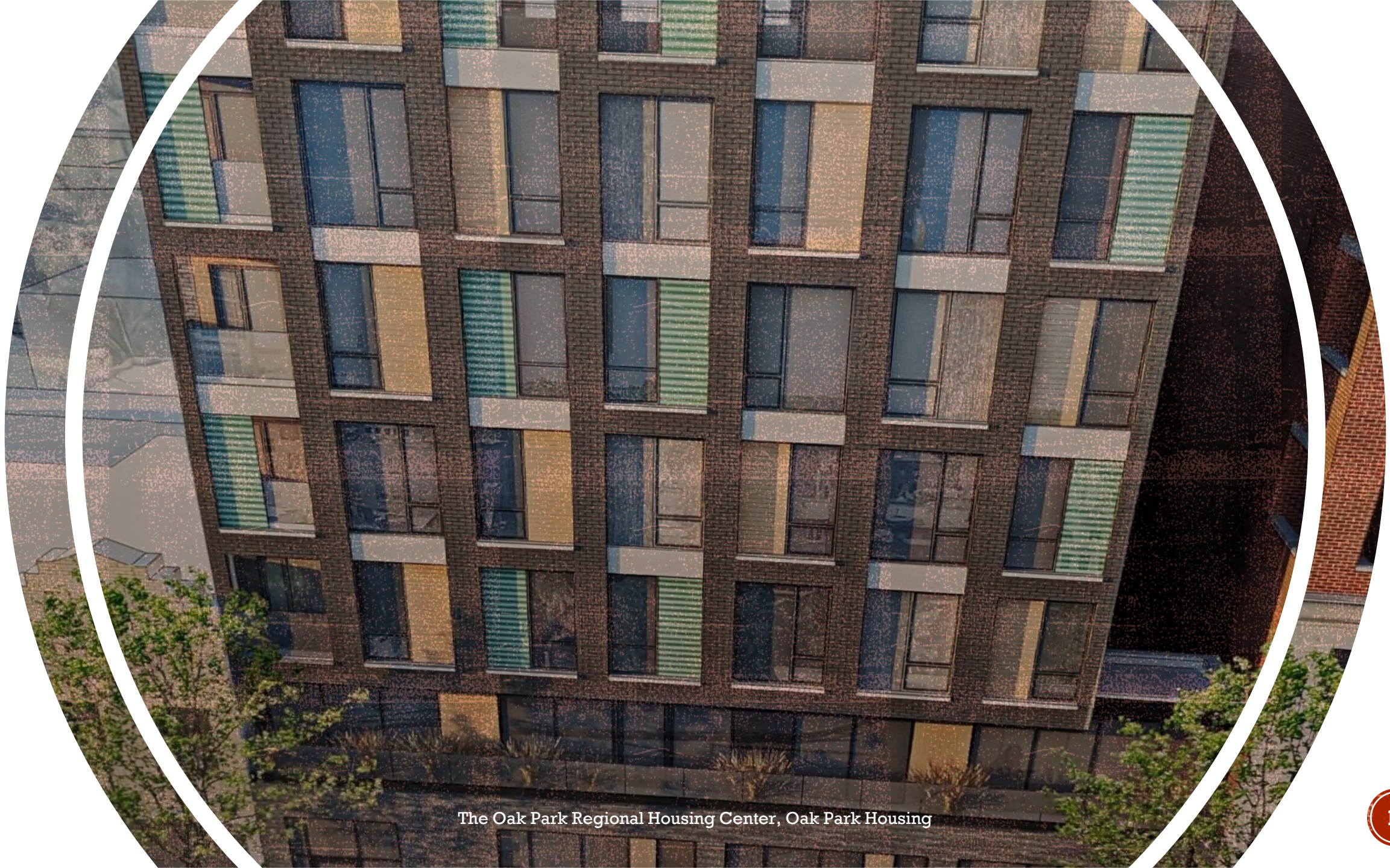


AUSTIN LARAMIE STATE BANK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT









The Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Oak Park Housing



The Oak Park Regional Housing Center, High Angle Rear View of the building.



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De facto segregation in the north must be grappled with... For as long as there is residential segregation, there will be de facto segregation in every area of life.

So, the challenge is here to develop an action program.”

**-- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Western Michigan University
1963**



THANK YOU!

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