

Update on Program Year 28 CDBG Award

Last year we awarded CDBG funds to assist St. Luke's and the City to acquire a multi-family building to be used as short-term transitional housing for families temporarily displaced by lead paint reduction, and other code compliance efforts.

Our grant was the first step in a process that resulted in the purchase of 28 Rose Park Avenue on November 15th.

Other funding came from the Mayor's Housing Development fund and the Fairfield County Foundation. (Their \$30,000 award was the largest discretionary grant they approved last spring). The Housing Development Fund of Fairfield County provided mortgage financing.

Ellen Bromley came to the November HCD Committee meeting to thank us and update us on this project's success so far.

Under the terms of an Operating Agreement with the City, St. Luke's will manage the lead safe house. Occupancy of the house's three dwelling units will rotate and, subject to income eligibility, placements will be prioritized as follows:

- 1) families displaced by mandated lead paint remediation activities;**
- 2) families displaced by voluntary lead paint remediation or other code mandated remediation;**
- 3) subject to appropriations, families referred by the City's relocation officer; and**
- 4) other families in need of temporary housing.**

The property is deed restricted. If a time comes when there is no need for temporary lead safe or transitional housing, or if the program stops operating for any other reason, the house's three units must be used as affordable residential rentals.

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