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CCEH joins Federal *Opportunity Starts at Home* Campaign
Multi-sector campaign seeks to broaden support for affordable housing

Hartford, CT (February 03, 2021) — The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) announced today that it has joined the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s (NLIHC) *Opportunity Starts at Home* Campaign. The [*Opportunity Starts at Home*](#) multi-sector affordable homes campaign has awarded a grant of \$50,000 to CCEH for its work advancing shared priorities.

CCEH is one of eight state organizations who have been awarded this grant and are invited to participate in the campaign. The organization will use the funding to diversify their state’s housing coalition to other sectors, such as health, education, civil rights, food security, climate, faith, anti-poverty, and more. Their multi-sector partnerships will be leveraged to engage federal elected officials who represent the state to enact policies which correct longstanding racial inequities and expand affordable housing for the nation’s lowest income people.

CCEH and other grantees were selected through a highly competitive proposal process and will be formally recognized as state affiliates of the national campaign, as well as gain access to resources, multi-sector networks, and technical assistance from the national campaign. Each applicant demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing federal affordable housing solutions for the lowest income people, amplifying racial equity, and expanding partnerships to different sectors. The grantees are:

- [Colorado Coalition for the Homeless](#)
- [Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness](#)
- [Housing Action Illinois](#)
- [Idaho Asset Building Network](#)
- [Minnesota Chapter of Opportunity Starts at Home](#)
- [NC Child](#)
- [Prosperity Indiana](#)
- [Texas Homeless Network](#)

“Not only is it critical for Congress to hear from national advocates, but also from their own constituents in the states they represent,” said Mike Koprowski, National Director of the *Opportunity Starts at Home* campaign. “This excellent cohort of grantees will be critical partners in helping the campaign achieve its goals. To be sure, the housing crisis cannot be solved without stronger federal action. And we are more likely to build the necessary political will in Congress when an array of sectors are standing shoulder-to-shoulder demanding solutions, rather than just housing advocates alone.”

“CCEH is thrilled to join this important campaign to ensure that housing and full funding of our homelessness response system remains at the forefront of the federal agenda,” said Sarah Fox, Director of Policy at CCEH. “We are proud to be a part of the diverse network of stakeholders and look forward to working with colleagues from many different sectors to support affordable housing at the federal level.”

In addition to this new cohort of grantees, the campaign also has previously established partnerships with Housing California, Maine Together, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, Housing Network of Rhode Island, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, Oregon Housing Alliance, and Utah Housing Coalition.

Follow the *Opportunity Starts at Home* campaign on [Twitter](#) and sign up for its [e-newsletter](#) to get the latest updates about the campaign, including new partners, calls to action, events, and research.

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