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## A C C E S S



### A Guide to Housing and Related Services for the 18th Senate District

#### Asian Americans for Equality

277 Grand Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10002  
Phone: (212) 680-1374  
Fax: (212) 680-1815

Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) is a non-profit organization with a mission of empowering Asian Americans and others in need. In addition to developing housing for low-income residents, AAFE provides social services including legal services, community education, and homeownership counseling. Its programs are available in English and various Asian languages.

#### Association of Brooklyn Clergy for Community Development

721 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 302-4178

The Association was founded by a group of ministers concerned about issues affecting communities of color in the Eastern Bedford Stuyvesant/Oceanhill section of Brooklyn. The ABCCD addressed the issues that adversely affect their community by developing safe and clean, affordable housing for area residents.

#### BEC New Communities HDFC, Inc.

67 Hanson Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
Phone: (718) 858-8803

BECNC develops, markets and manages affordable condominium and rental housing for Brooklyn families in the low- to moderate-income range as well as homeless and public assistance families. It has successfully developed and marketed over 500 units and currently manages over 400, including the 81 condominiums it developed.

#### Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation

1368 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 636-6930

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation is a community development corporation that works to improve the quality of life for residents of the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, by strengthening the local economy, family life and culture through a wide variety of programs and services in business development, the arts, youth education, housing and computer training.

#### Bridge Street Development Corporation

460 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: (718) 573-6893

The Bridge Street Development Corporation is a faith-based organization that develops safe, affordable housing for all income groups. It also works to retain neighborhood retail businesses to meet the community's need for jobs, goods and services, and educate people of all ages about the fundamentals of owning a business and securing homeownership.

#### Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc.

1482 St. Johns Place, #1F  
Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Phone: (718) 773-4116

Service Profile: This neighborhood preservation organization (BNIA) is dedicated to serving the housing and community development needs of residents and businesses

in Central Brooklyn and East New York. The organization was founded in 1978 by community residents, merchants, and church leaders in an effort to save the neighborhood from decay and destruction. The BNIA is a certified US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) counseling agency. It provides housing counseling, housing development and other community development services.

#### Community Assisted Tenant Controlled Housing

121 Sixth Avenue, Suite 501  
New York, NY 10013  
Phone: (212) 431-9700

Community Assisted Tenant Controlled Housing, Inc. (CATCH) is a not-for profit organization that works to transform distressed buildings across New York City into decent, affordable, resident-controlled housing.

#### Fifth Avenue Committee

621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
Phone: (718) 237-2017

The Fifth Avenue Committee, Inc. (FAC) is a not-for-profit, community-based organization that develops and manages affordable housing, creates employment opportunities, organizes residents and workers, provides adult-centered education opportunities, and combats displacement caused by gentrification. The FAC also operates a criminal justice program, helping ex-offenders reintegrate into the community through job and housing assistance, counseling, training, and leadership development.

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## **Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation**

**515 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231**  
**Phone: (718) 858-0557**

This organization was founded in 1979 to provide stable, healthy, and affordable living environment for low and moderate income households. During the last 20 years, the Gowanus Canal CDC has assisted and sponsored development of several buildings, including a 100-unit senior citizen residence and a 90-unit affordable rental housing project. The Gowanus Canal CDC provides tenant/client assistance, loan program assistance, homeownership counseling, research/outreach, organizational development, and environmental cleanup activities

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## **Habitat for Humanity**

**334 Furman Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**  
**Phone: (718) 246-5656**

Habitat-NYC, an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, helps provide New York City with affordable housing by building houses in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. Habitat-NYC completes about 25 houses a year, working with family partner homeowners, professional contractors, and volunteers. Habitat-NYC is also an advocate for affordable housing.

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## **Housing & Services, Inc.**

**461 Park Avenue South, 6th floor**  
**New York, NY 10016**  
**Phone: (212) 252-9377**

Housing & Services, Inc. is a nonprofit housing development organization that has developed over 1500 units of affordable housing in New York City and currently manages over 500 units of housing.

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## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

**443 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232**  
**Phone: (718) 686-7946**

This community-based financial counseling and economic assistance organization serves homeowners, tenants, landlords, and merchants in Sunset Park and neighboring communities. Programs include but are not limited to home buyer education and mortgage counseling, homeowner assistance (including repairs and foreclosure prevention), rental housing advocacy, and commercial renovations focussing on the renaissance of Park Slope's Fifth Avenue.

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## **Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of New York City, Inc.**

**307 West 36th Street, 12th Floor**  
**New York, NY 10018**  
**Phone: (212) 519-2500**

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## **NHS of Bedford Stuyvesant**

**1012 Gates Avenue, 2nd Floor**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11221**  
**Phone: (718) 919-2100**

Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City (NHS) is a not-for-profit citywide organization working to create, preserve, and promote affordable housing in New York City neighborhoods. NHS rehabilitates housing and mixed-use properties, constructs new affordable housing, provides homeowner education, and creates neighborhood revitalization projects. NHS has offices and programs throughout the five boroughs that provide housing services.

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## **New Destiny Housing Corporation**

**1140 Broadway, Suite 1002**  
**New York, NY 10001**  
**Phone: (646) 472-0262**

New Destiny Housing Corporation is a city-wide not-for-profit housing developer and service provider helping low-income abused women and other individuals at risk of homelessness create more stable and secure lives for themselves and their children. New Destiny develops, owns and manages affordable and supportive housing, provides technical assistance to other not-for-profits interested in developing housing for their clients, operates programs and services that address the needs of low-income abused women, and advocates for increased housing resources for domestic violence survivors.

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## **Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp.**

**132 Ralph Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11233**  
**Phone: (718) 453-9490**

Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corporation (NEBHDC) works on preservation, development and management of affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities as well as on community and economic development initiatives and human services in the Brooklyn and Bushwick communities. NEBHDC has developed and managed 1000 units of affordable rental housing and is currently participating in a home ownership pilot program.

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## **Oceanhill-Brownsville Tenants Association, Inc.**

**319 Rockaway Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11233**  
**Phone: (718) 498-2700**

With more than 25 years of experience providing housing and related services, the Oceanhill-Brownsville Tenants Association, Inc. (OHBT) offers comprehensive tenant organizing, education and counseling, provides help to people in need of resolving essential housing-related service complaints as well as those who seek assistance with applications for SCRIE, Section 8, NYCHA, HEAP, rental housing and responding to eviction notices. The OHBT also renovates and manages a number of low-income housing developments.

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## **Parkway Stuyvesant Community & Housing Council, Inc.**

**77 New York Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11216**  
**Phone: (718) 604-1948**

Among the comprehensive services offered by the Council are housing development, management, counseling and referral landlord/tenant advocacy, civilian patrol, youth programs, and senior citizen services.

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## **Pratt Area Community Council**

**Fort Greene Office:**  
**201 DeKalb Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11205**  
**Phone: (718) 522-2613**

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## **Bedford Stuyvesant Office:**

**1224 Bedford Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11216**  
**Phone: (718) 783-3549**  
**Fax: (718) 783-3289**

The Pratt Area Community Council (PACC) is a neighborhood organization committed to improving the quality of life for all residents of Fort Greene, Clinton Hill and Bedford Stuyvesant. With a major goal of preserving and developing affordable housing, PACC has rehabilitated permanent low- and moderate-income rental housing, converted distressed properties to tenant owned buildings, and provided tenant counseling and supportive services to over 12,000 tenants.



# Financial and Lending Services

## Community Preservation Corporation

**28 East 28th Street , 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10016-7943  
Phone: (212) 869-5300**

Community Preservation Corporation (CPC) is a private mortgage lender specializing in financing low-, moderate- and middle-income housing throughout New York and New Jersey. It lends for large and small apartment buildings, occupied or vacant, and for new construction developments. Sponsored by 94 banks and insurance companies, CPC has, since 1974, financed more than 92,000 affordable housing units, representing an investment of more than \$3.2 billion. The mission of CPC is to stabilize, strengthen, and sustain low- and mixed-income communities.

## Local Initiatives Support Corporation

**501 Seventh Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
Phone: (212) 455-9800**

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a national community development organization, supporting the creation of affordable housing, commercial and community facilities, and businesses. LISC New York City raises grants, loans and equity for strategic investments in community development organizations. In New York City, LISC and its affiliates have invested over \$1 billion in nonprofit and local developers resulting in the creation of new homes and apartments and commercial, industrial, and retail space.

## Vannguard Urban Improvement Association, Inc.

**613-619 Throop Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: 718-453-3330**

This neighborhood preservation company offers tenant/landlord education and advocacy services, technical assistance for homebuyers such as loan counseling and packaging. The organization is also engaged in commercial revitalization and economic development, and sponsors a job training and placement program for youth.

## Housing Partnership Development Corporation

**450 Fashion Avenue, Suite 2401  
New York, NY 10123-2401  
Phone: (646) 217-3370**

The Housing Partnership Development Corporation has sponsored the development of more than 17,500 units in the five boroughs of New York City since 1982. The Partnership's efforts in homeownership housing have spurred community revitalization and private investment valued at more than \$1.5 billion.

## SONYMA

**641 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
Phone: (212) 688-4000  
Toll Free: 1 (800) 382-HOME**

The State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA) is a public benefit corporation created by the State Legislature in 1970 to increase housing opportunities for New Yorkers. Using the proceeds of tax exempt mortgage revenue bonds, SONYMA's low interest rate mortgage program offers mortgage loans to families with low and moderate incomes who are buying their first homes. SONYMA mortgages are available to qualified borrowers through a statewide network of participating lenders.

## Weatherization Assistance Providers

Weatherization assistance providers can assist eligible individuals improve energy efficiency in their homes. Services are available to income-eligible (60% of Sate median income) individuals who may be either homeowners or renters living in a mobile home, an apartment, or a single-family home, including:

*An energy audit of the home • weather-stripping and caulking around doors and windows • cleaning, testing, repairs, or replacement of heating systems • replacement or repair of storm windows • replacement or repair of broken windows and/or outside doors • addition of insulation to walls or ceilings • mitigation of health and safety concerns, in particular assure that all dwelling units receive smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors • water heater repair/replacement, roof repair/replacement, chimney repairs, lighting fixture replacement, ventilation systems, healthy distribution system replacement, refrigerator replacement, installation of GFIC outlets, and electric service upgrade.*

## Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation

**1360 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
Phone: 718-638-5705**

## Cummunity Environmental Center

**43-10 11th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101  
Phone: 718-784-1444**

*(Serves part of King and Queens Counties)*

## Sunset Park Redevelopment Committee

**5101 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220  
Phone: 718-492-8580**

## Weatherization, Referral & Packaging Program (WRAP) NYC Department for the Aging

**2 Lafayette Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10007  
Phone: 212-442-3055**

*(WRAP is offered free-of-charge to low-income elderly)*

## Housing Services for People with Special Needs

### **Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc.**

**665 Willoughby Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11206  
Phone: 718-852-6004**

Black Veterans for Social Justice (BVSJ) founded in 1979 by Vietnam War veterans to respond to the health, clinical and socio-economic needs of African American and Latino veterans. It is the largest, private social service organization for veterans in New York City. BVSJ provides a variety of housing services for people with special needs, including individuals impacted by HIV/AIDS and those released from prison.

### **Brooklyn Community Housing and Services, Inc. (BCH)**

**105 Carlton Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
(718) 625-4545**

Brooklyn Community Housing and Services, Inc (BCHS) provides housing and supportive social services to help New York City's formerly homeless move from crisis to community. BCHS was founded in 1978 as Pastoral And Educational Services, Inc, by clergy, mental health professionals and concerned neighbors.

### **Enterprise New York**

**80 Fifth Avenue Seventh Floor  
New York, NY 10011  
Phone: (212) 262-9575**

The Enterprise Foundation in New York City builds supportive housing for seniors, the mentally ill, and people living with HIV/AIDS; renovates crumbling apartments into homes for individuals and families; and converts abandoned houses into livable homes.

### **Institute for Community Living, Inc.**

**40 Rector Street  
New York, NY 10006  
Phone: 212-385-3030**

The Institute for Community Living (ILC) is a not-for-profit corporation that has developed over 1200 residential units offering a wide array of living options for individuals with mental illness and mental retardation/developmental disabilities throughout Brooklyn and elsewhere in the City. The housing environments include apartment buildings, private congregate settings as well as individual scatter site-supported apartments. Beyond shelter, ICL offers the people it services a comprehensive system of clinical treatment options and rehabilitation programs such as vocational training and employment assistance.

### **Providence House**

**703 Lexington Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221  
Phone: 718-455-0197**

The Providence House offers housing and support services to homeless, abused and formerly incarcerated women and their children in a hospitable, non-violent, compassionate environment.

### **Therapeutic Communities, Inc.**

**266 West 37th Street, Inc.  
266 West 37th Street, 21st Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
212-971-6033**

New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. operates an intensive residential treatment program in Bedford Stuyvesant for men and women. The organization also provides substance abuse treatment services to adults in prison.

### **Urban Strategies**

**294 Sumpter Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
718-919-8590/718-919-3600**

Established in 1979 to provide social services to the Oceanhill-Brownsville community, this organization offers a supporting housing program and sponsors a comprehensive program for youth.

## Guard Against Predatory Lending Scams with the Foreclosure Prevention Project

The Foreclosure Prevention Project, a program of **South Brooklyn Legal Services**, provides advice, referral and representation to low- and moderate-income homeowners who have been victimized by the predatory practices of unscrupulous mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, home improvement contractors and real estate companies. Predatory lending practices may involve high-pressure sales tactics; highly inflated fees or interest rates; deceptive and misleading representations regarding the amounts to be financed or the monthly payments, lending when the borrower cannot afford to make the payments; intentional over appraisal of properties in poor condition, fraud; and other illegal conduct and loan terms.

### **The Project provides:**

- Legal representation for homeowners who are facing foreclosure due to abusive and illegal lending practices
- Advice and referral for homeowners at risk of foreclosure
- Workshops and outreach for low- and moderate-income homeowners regarding predatory lending practices
- Training and advice for community advocates and attorneys who serve at-risk neighborhoods

The Foreclosure Prevention Project screens referrals from neighborhoods throughout Brooklyn regardless of zip code. To get help from the Foreclosure Prevention Project, please call the project's Hotline at 718-246-3279 and leave a message, including your phone number and the best time to reach you. If you have an emergency be sure to describe the circumstances in your message! For non-emergency calls it may take several days for calls to be returned.