



# The Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network

**Y**es, it's a mouthful. But the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network (Advocates Network) is having its kick-off meeting at the Florida Housing Coalition Conference on Tuesday, September 21, for the purpose of taking input from our members

## What is the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network?

We are a program of the Florida Housing Coalition specifically tasked with advocating for policies that promote the interests of nonprofit housing providers for the benefit of serving Florida's low income and most vulnerable populations' housing needs.

## Who is a member of the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network?

To be a member, you must:

- (1) Be a member of the Florida Housing Coalition;
- (2) Be a nonprofit housing provider;
- (3) Fill out and deliver to the Florida Housing Coalition your membership form, which can be found on-line, emailed, or faxed to you.

There is no fee for membership in the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network.

## What will I do as a member of the Advocates Network?

You will help the Florida Housing Coalition set advocacy priorities and inform what positions we do or do not take on legislative and administrative issues.

An example of a legislative issue would be the statute adopted in 2009 that makes it very difficult for nonprofits to apply for FHFC funding, unless they were to partner with an entity that had completed 5 or more deals with the FHFC. A legislative issue may also include federal legislation, such as the National Housing Trust Fund campaign or the various new programs that HUD is designing. An example of an administrative issue would be the rulemaking done by FHFC for the Universal Application, or the rulemaking done by DCA for the Weatherization or the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

What positions the Florida Housing Coalition takes on legislative or administrative issues must ultimately be decisions for our board of directors. But we intend to use the opinions of our Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network to inform those decisions. When you become a member of the Advocates Network you can expect to receive short surveys from time to time on specific issues. We also want to know if there is anything that you believe should be in place in Florida (for instance, something you may have heard about from another state or perhaps something you've thought of yourself) that would help Florida's nonprofit housing providers to be more successful.

**Please Join Us:** Tuesday, September 21 from 5:15- 6:45 p.m. We intend to use this time to exchange ideas for both substantive issues and the process we should use to best serve our membership and our goal of effective advocacy on behalf of nonprofit housing providers. We will be holding this meeting jointly with the Florida Community Land Trust Institute during the conference. [HNN](#)

