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On federal, state, and local levels, the discussion on policies and funding impacting low-income families and neighborhoods has taken center stage. Considering this, Enterprise believes it has never been more important for our voices – as individuals, as organizations, and as a community - to be heard. Please consider joining us in one or more of the critical advocacy opportunities below:

Support Local Efforts to Prevent Lead Poisoning

Enterprise encourages our partners to contact members of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee and urge them to remove an amendment included in the House-passed version of the budget that gives the Ohio Department of Health sole authority over lead abatement efforts. As reported by the Plain Dealer, this amendment would strip cities like Cleveland of the ability to proactively address lead poisoning in their communities. The high, disparate rates of lead poisoning in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County require a strong local response, in addition to support at the state and federal level. Please join Enterprise in advocating for the removal of this lead abatement authority amendment.

For more information, including key talking points against this measure, please contact Claire Gauntner, cgauntner@enterprisecommunity.org.

Take Action on the President’s FY 2018 Budget Request

The Trump Administration released its fiscal year 2018 Budget Request, which proposes dramatic, damaging cuts to housing and community development programs. If enacted, these proposals would place hundreds of thousands of families at risk of homelessness and reduce access to better work, transit, education, and health care options for many more.

Help us persuade Congress to reject the ideas in the President’s Budget Request – they would harm millions of Americans and our communities. We urge you to take action now.

- Reach out to your members of Congress. You can find your Senators' and Representatives' housing staffer's contact information on Enterprise’s blog.
- Invite your members and their staff to a housing development so they can see the impact these homes have. This is the single most effective way to turn an interested member into a supporter and a supporter into a champion for our issues.
- Sign the HOME Coalition’s Sign On Letter for organizations, local governments, and businesses in support of restoring funding for HOME to $1.2 billion.
- Submit a HOME Success Story to share with members of Congress, using this success story template.
For more information on the President’s FY18 Budget Request, see Enterprise’s blog post and updated budget chart.

Home Matters to Ohio Campaign Update – We Need Your Help!

Thank you again for your support of the Home Matters to Ohio campaign to expand the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Because of your organization and hundreds of others we’ve made great strides toward expanding the Trust Fund, the State’s primary and most significant resource for affordable homes. We are now in the ‘home stretch’ of the state budget but we still need your help!

If your organization hasn’t already done so, we hope you will please take a moment to reaffirm your continued support for the Home Matters to Ohio campaign by signing the Statement of Support. If you signed in the past, please sign again. If you are a new supporter to the campaign, we are so glad to have you aboard!

We’re excited about how receptive legislators have been to our message. We are building a true understanding that #HomeMatters. As the state budget moves through the Ohio Senate and then to Conference Committee in June, we will be sure to keep you updated. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Emily Lundgard at elundgard@enterprisecommunity.org.

Slavic Village Green Homes Groundbreaking

Slavic Village Green Homes is a 37-unit scattered site single-family project offering newly built, healthy homes for low and moderate-income families. Developed by Cleveland Housing Network, the lease-to-own houses will complement Slavic Village Development Corporation’s comprehensive rehabilitation and neighborhood revitalization strategies.
Over the last ten years, the public, private and philanthropic sector have pursued a multifaceted strategy to improve the housing stock in Slavic Village through rehab, new market rate housing, removing blight through targeted demolition and assisting homeowners to make repairs to their homes. Slavic Village Green Homes leverages each of these efforts. Enterprise is honored to be an investor in this exciting project.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to Focus on Intersection of Community and Public Health

Enterprise joins OBCDC in welcoming Jennifer King, Ph.D. as a Community Health Fellow. Dr. King will lead the community health initiative, a new effort by OBCDC to affect the trend of diminishing health in urban neighborhoods.

"Research shows that where you are born is the single most important determinant of future health prospects" said Executive Director Jeffrey T. Verespej, “we want to position our organization to be able to make improvements to neighborhood level health.”

This fellowship was made possible by support from the Cleveland Foundation, Enterprise Community Partners HUD Section 4 program and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress.

Housing First Honored at Union Miles Development Corporation's Annual Event

Enterprise, Cleveland Housing Network, EDEN Inc., FrontLine Service, and Care Alliance were honored by the Union Miles Development Corporation at its Connecting History to a Bright Future event in May for the Housing First Collaborative, which is building a new Housing First building in the Union Miles neighborhood.

Enterprise Introducing Aging-in-Place Design Toolkit to Cleveland

As America’s 50 million baby boomers move into their senior years and become less independent, communities across the U.S. face a massive and growing need to better serve the increasing number of older adults in their communities.

For seniors to remain in their homes, they must live in units designed with age and changing abilities in mind. Design issues, from doorways too narrow for mobility supports (walkers, wheelchairs) to the location of bathrooms to the proximity of public transit, all impact a senior’s ability to live independently. In response to this growing need, Enterprise developed the Aging-in-Place Design Toolkit.

On Thursday, June 29th, Enterprise will host an Aging-in-Place design charrette. A charrette is an intensive planning session where citizens, designers and others collaborate on a vision for development. In June, attendees will engage with real-life Cleveland projects and learn about Enterprise’s innovative design tools. The half-day invitation-only event is graciously hosted by McGregor. For more information about the Aging-in-Place Toolkit contact Angelina Turner at aturner@enterprisecommunity.org.
Boom or Bust? The Future of Senior Housing

Please join the City Club on June 28th as Mark McDermott, Enterprise, Vice President, Ohio along with Rob Hilton, CEO, McGregor, Richard L. Jones, Ph.D., Administrator, Division of Senior and Adult Services, Cuyahoga County, and Roz Quarto, Executive Director, Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP) lead a panel discussion on how the city and region can increase housing options for senior citizens, while simultaneously providing a high quality of life.

Register today.

Congratulations Cleveland Neighborhood Progress’ 2017 Vibrant City Award Winners

Special recognition goes to the late Judge Raymond L. Pianka who posthumously received the Morton L. Mandel Leadership in Community Development Award.

Enterprise's Racial Equity & Inclusion Book Club

It’s not too late to join the next Racial Equity and Inclusion book club being held on June 8th from 5:30-7:30 in the Commons at West Village located at 8301 Detroit Avenue. RSVP TODAY – aturner@enterprisecommunity.org.

Enterprise In The News

Enterprise is proud to be involved in Cleveland’s International Village project in partnership with the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Housing Network, Global Cleveland, and Metro
West Community Development Corporation. For its part, Enterprise provided a capacity-building grant for Metro West to hire a full-time Director for the International Village.

Read more.