



## DSHA Highlights

*Delaware Affordable Housing News and Events*  
May 23, 2017

### New Fresh Start Program Announced Today



A new state program is designed to help families and individuals who have experienced foreclosures, job loss, or other financial difficulties stemming from the financial crisis that began in 2008, Governor John Carney and other officials announced today.

[Fresh Start](#), a partnership between the [Delaware State](#)

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[Housing Authority](#) and the state's financial empowerment program, [Stand By Me](#), offers free financial coaching to help Delawareans get past setbacks and move toward home ownership again.

“Home ownership is a fundamental element of our economy and important to ensuring our neighborhoods thrive,” said **Governor Carney**. “We have to make sure that all Delawareans have an opportunity to succeed, achieve financial stability and strengthen their communities. Through Fresh Start, we are giving people the tools they need to help them work through economic challenges.”

The statewide program, funded by bank settlements, was developed to help Delawareans who lost their homes due to foreclosure, short sale, or deed in lieu arrangements, said **DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi**. They may wish to improve credit, increase savings, or decrease debt to put them in a better position to buy a home or rent.

Information on Fresh Start can be found at [standbymede.org/fresh](http://standbymede.org/fresh), or a coach can be reached by calling:

**New Castle County:** [302-504-3549](tel:302-504-3549) or [302-652-3991](tel:302-652-3991),  
ext. 106

**Kent County:** [302-678-9400](tel:302-678-9400)

**Sussex County:** [302-855-1370](tel:302-855-1370)

## Scholarship Available for High School Senior

Applications are being accepted through June 1 for a \$1,000 college scholarship for a Delaware graduating

high school senior who lives in subsidized housing, from the [Delaware chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials](#).

Scholarships can be used at a 2- or 4-year college or university. Eligible students must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or improvement, with a 2.5 GPA in their senior year; provide letters of recommendation; submit a 500-word essay; and other requirements, which can be found on the [DE NAHRO website](#). Eligible students must live in subsidized housing, defined as Project Based Section 8; Rural Development Section 515; Housing Choice Vouchers; Low-Income Housing Tax Credit sites; public housing; a Habitat for Humanity home; Self-Help Homeownership Program; or the USDA Rural Development Homeownership Program at time of application.

More information and an application form can be found at the [DE NAHRO website](#).

## Webinar on Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Grants Thursday

Housing Alliance Delaware is hosting [a webinar on Affordable Housing Program grants](#) of up to \$650,000 to support the development of affordable rental and owner-occupied housing.

The AHP 101 webinar, to be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, will cover high-level topics including application, scoring, and project feasibility criteria, as well as application tips and resources. [Register today](#).

Contact [pkelleher@housingalliancede.org](mailto:pkelleher@housingalliancede.org) with

questions.

## Central Delaware Habitat Homeownership Information Session



Join [CDHFH](#) to learn about the application process and homeownership program at Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. They will discuss the application process, timeline, and program requirements such as sweat-equity, ability to pay, financial literacy education, and "partnership."

[Register here.](#)

**When: May 31**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Where: NCALL Research Inc**  
**363 Saulsbury Road**  
**Dover, DE 19904**

Delaware Housing Jobs



Job Openings:

[Sussex County Habitat for Humanity-Volunteer Program Coordinator](#)

[Sussex County Habitat for Humanity-Site Supervisor](#)

[YWCA Delaware- Financial Empowerment Counselor](#)

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