



Northside Development Group receives \$150,000 Housing for Everyone Grant from the TD Charitable Foundation

Support from the TD Charitable Foundation will help families secure affordable rental housing in the Northside of Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, SC, March 8th, 2022 – <u>Northside Development Group</u>, a comprehensive community development organization serving the Northside neighborhood of Spartanburg, was recently awarded a \$150,000 <u>Housing for Everyone grant</u> from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of <u>TD Bank</u>, America's Most Convenient Bank®. Northside Development Group is one of 33 organizations selected from more than 357applicants to receive a Housing for Everyone grant as part of the TD Charitable Foundation's annual grant program helping to provide affordable housing since 2005.

The grant will support Northside Development Group's tenant housing stabilization efforts. The Tenant Education and Support Program and Landlord Insurance Program is designed to equip tenants who are considered high risk with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful tenants. The program certifies tenants who have completed the program, making them eligible to rent from participating landlords in the Northside who would otherwise not have been able to rent to them due to past credit issues or evictions.

The housing affordability crisis has worsened over the past two years impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and housing organizations have worked tirelessly to meet the increasing need for assistance from individuals and families. The growing need for assistance has strained affordable housing organizations and made it difficult to continue delivering critical resources and services.

Without resident services from affordable housing providers, like eviction assistance and housing search assistance, many individuals and families will struggle to find or risk losing a safe, affordable place to call home.

"We are grateful to TD Charitable Foundation for selecting Northside Development Group for this grant. Because of this grant, our Tenant Education and Support Program and Landlord Insurance Program will provide opportunities for residents in the Northside neighborhood of Spartanburg, especially those who would not be able to qualify for housing otherwise, to have the resources and support they need to successfully find a place to call home," said Michael Williamson, CEO at Northside Development Group.

"The cost of housing has grown significantly since the start of the pandemic, and it is a significant challenge faced by far too many people in our communities. Thanks to the support from the TD Charitable Foundation, Northside Development Group will be able to equip residents with the resources, skills and knowledge they need to secure a safe, affordable place to live," said Hugh Allen, Regional President for the Mid-South Metro at TD Bank. The TD Charitable Foundation awarded \$5.8 million through the 16th annual Housing for Everyone grant competition to a total of 33 organizations across TD Bank's Maine-to-Florida footprint and Michigan to help support affordable housing organizations provide critical resident

services. Since 2005, the TD Charitable Foundation has given more than \$42 million dollars to non-profit and charitable organizations through the Housing for Everyone grant competition and helped support over 500 affordable housing projects and initiatives.

The Housing for Everyone grant competition supports TD's longstanding commitment to community enrichment through TD's corporate citizenship platform, <u>The Ready Commitment</u>, which actively promotes inclusivity, economic vitality and environmental wellbeing, enabling people of all backgrounds to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

To learn more about Housing for Everyone and for a full list of this year's grant recipients, please visit <u>https://www.td.com/us/en/about-us/communities/ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/housing-for-everyone/</u>.

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About Northside Development Group

We serve to encourage and manage the redevelopment of the City of Spartanburg's Northside community, honoring its past and expanding the opportunities for a mix of affordable and market rate housing, economic, educational, recreational, health, and social opportunities for its residents.

About Housing for Everyone

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Through this platform, TD aspires to create a more inclusive tomorrow — helping people of all backgrounds feel more confident, not just about their finances, but about their ability to achieve their goals. Visit: <u>https://www.tdbank.com/corporate-responsibility/the-ready-commitment/</u>

About the TD Charitable Foundation

The TD Charitable Foundation is the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®, one of the 10 largest commercial banking organizations in the United States. Since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has distributed over \$282 million through donations to local nonprofits from Maine to Florida. More information on the TD Charitable Foundation is available at https://www.tdbank.com/corporate-responsibility/the-ready-commitment/funding-opportunities/.