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The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks that, together with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., make up the Federal Reserve System. The Bank supports the System's goal of ensuring a sound financial system and a healthy economy by helping to formulate and implement monetary policy, supervising banks and bank holding companies, and providing financial services to depository institutions and the federal government. The Philadelphia Fed serves the Third Federal Reserve District, which is composed of eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware.

B Metropolitan Policy Program at BROOKINGS

The Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program provides decision makers with cutting-edge research and policy ideas for improving the health and prosperity of cities and metropolitan areas. The program focuses on redefining the challenges facing metropolitan America and promoting innovative solutions to help communities grow in more inclusive, competitive, and sustainable ways.



The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks that, together with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., comprise the Federal Reserve System. The Bank supports the System's goals of providing the nation with a safe, flexible, and stable monetary and financial system and is charged with the unique responsibility of conducting open market operations. The New York Fed has supervisory jurisdiction over the Second Federal Reserve District, which encompasses New York state, the 12 northern counties of New Jersey, Fairfield County in Connecticut, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



The William Penn Foundation, founded in 1945 by Otto and Phoebe Haas, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Greater Philadelphia region through efforts that foster rich cultural expression, strengthen children's futures, and deepen connections to nature and community. In partnership with others, the foundation works to advance a vital, just, and caring community. Learn more about the foundation at www.williampenfoundation.org.



PENN INSTITUTE for URBAN RESEARCH

The Penn Institute for Urban Research is dedicated to fostering increased understanding of cities and developing new knowledge bases that will be vital in charting the course of local, national, and international urbanization. By providing an umbrella structure for the urban-focused scholarship, research, and civic engagement within Penn's 12 schools, the Penn IUR provides the synergy needed to address urban challenges in the 21st century. As a campus-wide institute, Penn IUR sponsors a number of initiatives, stimulates research, provides opportunities for collaborative instruction, and engages with the world of practitioners and policymakers.



Capital at the point of impact.

The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) is a national innovator in capitalizing distressed communities and stimulating economic growth for low- and moderate-income families. TRF's investments in homes, schools, and businesses reclaim and transform neighborhoods, improving lives throughout the mid-Atlantic region. TRF is also nationally recognized for its research and housing-related policy analysis. TRF uses data analysis to identify opportunities to invest its own resources as well as to help public-sector and private clients with their own strategies to preserve and rebuild vulnerable communities. To learn more, visit www.trfund.com.



The Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh is a wholesale bank that serves the housing finance and community and economic development needs of local lenders across its district of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. It is privately capitalized, does not use tax dollars, and enjoys a triple-A rating. It has 332 members in its cooperative and had approximately \$95 billion in assets at December 31, 2007.



STRENGTHENING TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy and grant-making institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe. GMF supports individuals and institutions working on transatlantic issues, convenes leaders to discuss the most pressing transatlantic themes, examines ways in which transatlantic cooperation can address a variety of global challenges, and supports a number of initiatives to strengthen democracies. Founded in 1972 through a gift from Germany as a permanent memorial to Marshall Plan assistance, GMF maintains a strong presence on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition to its Washington, D.C. headquarters, GMF has offices in Berlin, Bratislava, Paris, Brussels, Belgrade, Ankara, and Bucharest.



The Surdna Foundation is a national, fifth-generation family foundation. The foundation supports work in the areas of the environment, arts, effective citizenry, nonprofit sector, and community revitalization. The foundation's community revitalization program recognizes that different market dynamics create different challenges for cities and serves both strong and weak market cities. The foundation works to ensure that all residents can continue to live and thrive in strong market cities; in weak market cities the foundation focuses on revitalization strategies that connect all residents with opportunities to create and preserve wealth.



The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs) transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business, and raise children. LISC mobilizes corporate, government, and philanthropic support to provide CDCs with loans, grants, and equity investments; local, statewide, and national policy support; and technical and management assistance. Visit www.lisc.org for more information.



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CLEVELAND

Through its Community Affairs Office, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland engages in ongoing outreach, educational, and technical assistance activities to help financial institutions, community-based organizations, government entities, and the public understand and address financial services issues affecting low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. The Cleveland Fed serves the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which comprises all of Ohio, western Pennsylvania, eastern Kentucky, and the panhandle of West Virginia.

THE HEINZ ENDOWMENTS

The Heinz Endowments is based in Pittsburgh, where it uses the region as a laboratory for the development of solutions to challenges that are national in scope. Although the majority of the foundation's giving is concentrated within southwestern Pennsylvania, it works wherever necessary, including statewide and nationally, to fulfill its mission. That mission is to help the foundation's region thrive as a whole community — economically, ecologically, educationally, and culturally — while advancing the state of knowledge and practice in the fields in which it works. Fields of emphasis include philanthropy in general and the disciplines represented by our five grant-making programs: arts and culture; children, youth and families; education; environment; and innovation economy.



Serving the Greater Philadelphia, Camden, Trenton, and Chester area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is an interstate, intercounty, and intercity agency that provides continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning to shape a vision for the future growth of the Delaware Valley region. The region includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania; and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Mercer counties in New Jersey. The commission addresses current and ongoing issues while fostering cooperation among member governments, private-sector organizations, and the general public.



The Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) is a chapter of the American Planning Association. PPA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization for professional planners and planning officials, as well as other individuals and organizations interested in planning communities where people live, work, and enjoy recreational activities. PPA works to promote effective planning at all levels of the commonwealth through workshops, meetings, an annual conference, legislative monitoring, and public awareness efforts. PPA's theme, Making Great Communities Happen, is evident in all of its endeavors.



10,000 Friends is an alliance of organizations and individuals committed to enhancing the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians. Its mission is to promote policies and actions to strengthen the alliance's diverse urban, suburban, and rural communities; preserve farmland and rural resource lands; and conserve our natural, heritage, and fiscal resources. 10,000 Friends' Campaign to Renew Pennsylvania is a statewide effort focused on improving the commonwealth's economic competitiveness by advancing solutions to the infrastructure, fiscal, and governance issues that affect our regional economies and our communities.

THE GEORGE GUND FOUNDATION

The 55-year grant-making history of the George Gund Foundation reflects a deep commitment to place, to the Greater Cleveland community that was the home of its founder and that remains the foundation's home. The urban emphasis of our work stems from a belief that thriving cities are one of the nation's best hopes for addressing our essential problems. This focus is especially vital in an era of diminishing government involvement in urban issues, intensifying globalization, and heightened awareness of the central role of regions.

Supporters



The National Housing Institute (NHI), founded in 1975, is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering decent, affordable housing, and a vibrant community for everyone. In its magazine, *Shelterforce*, on its website www.nhi.org, and in its research, NHI focuses attention and encourages action on progressive, high-impact housing and community development policies and practices through the lens of such subjects as social and economic equity, racism, poverty, health, the environment, education, and sustainability.

- Community Design Collaborative
- Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
- Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities
- Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania
- Isles, Inc.
- National Vacant Properties Campaign
- NeighborhoodsNow
- New Jersey Community Capital
- PlanSmart NJ
- PolicyLink
- Smart Growth America