



Annual Report
FY2013

HOPE's goal is to ensure compliance with fair housing laws and achieve the Fair Housing Act's goal of truly balanced and integrated living patterns. HOPE furthers its goal through individual complaint investigation and advocacy, systemic investigation and advocacy, education and outreach, and public policy initiatives. This year, we have added community development. Because housing is inextricably tied to access to education, jobs, healthcare, environmental justice and transportation, it is critically important that housing is offered on an equal basis. The individual complainants HOPE assists include at risk populations such as: victims of domestic violence, persons with disabilities, families with children and people of color. HOPE's systemic investigations are designed to uncover and address fair housing violations which have large scale impacts on persons protected under the fair housing act. HOPE's education & outreach programs are designed to empower audiences to recognize and report housing discrimination and to value the dual purposes of the Fair Housing Act – eliminating discrimination and promoting residential integration.

Projects and Activities

HOPE has been fortunate to receive multiple HUD Fair Housing Initiative grants in the past two years. These grants have allowed HOPE to expand its innovative and effective intake, investigation, enforcement, education and outreach and public policy advocacy.

HOPE's education and outreach includes youth and ESL audience targeting. We provide presentations for high school and college students and have developed lesson plans that coordinate with common core curriculum requirements.

Our Wells Fargo partnership allows HOPE to fund local Austin and Elgin entities to promote community investment. HOPE identified areas where its funds effectively leverage existing programs to create new levels of community redevelopment activity. For Austin, an RFP was issued and four agencies were chosen for funding specific programs that work in concert: home purchase subsidy, rehabilitation of single family homes, rehabilitation/ technical assistance for 2-4 unit properties, community engagement and non-profit coordination. HOPE plans various initiatives in Elgin, including employer-assisted housing and rehabbing of foreclosed homes by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley. HOPE also launched *Elginstead*, a multi-platform ad campaign marketing Elgin as a vibrant, diverse community and encouraging home ownership.

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| Revenue | Amount | Percentage |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grants | \$ 559,873 | 25.97% |
| Contributions | \$ 11,270 | .52% |
| Programs | \$ 1,584,539 | 73.50% |
| Other Revenue | \$ 465 | .01% |

Total Revenue \$ 2,156,147 100.00%

| Expenses | Amount | Percentage |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Program Cost | \$ 613,072 | 88.83% |
| G & A Cost | \$ 67,003 | 9.71% |
| Fundraising | \$ 10,068 | 1.46% |

Total Costs \$ 690,143 100.00%

Net Gain \$ 1,466,004

Net Assets

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| Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2013 | \$ 15,952 |
| Excess of Revenue over Expenses | \$1,466,004 |
| Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2013 | \$1,481,956 |

**** \$1,403,290 restricted Wells Fargo Settlement**

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