

City of Madison Housing Forward: January 7, 2021





- 1. Introductions of ULGM team (Dr. Anthony)
- 2. ULGM past & current homeownership programming. (Dr. Anthony)
- 3. Requested funds to expand financial and homeownership education and coaching (Ed)
- 4. Q&A (all)

#### Introductions



- 1. Ruben L. Anthony, Jr., PhD President & CEO
- 2. Edward Lee, Senior Vice President
- 3. Kyle Ervin, Director of Housing Development
- 4. Julian Walters, Manager of Homebuyer Training, Lending, and Compliance



#### **OUR MISSION**



# Our Mission is to improve the social and economic conditions of African Americans, other people of color and the economically disadvantaged in the Community

# Home Ownership Program



# Mission: The mission of the Home Ownership Program is to make the dream of home ownership a reality for African families and other families of color to become more stable and economically empowered.

#### **Program Overview**



- Lease to purchase program model.
- 59 homes purchased, renovated, and leased to families.
- Long-term and short-term program.
- Family responsible for upkeep and general maintenance from day 1.
- ULGM provided pre- and post-occupancy training and ongoing counseling

# **The Partnerships**



- The City of Madison's
- WHEDA
- U.S. Bank
- Wisconsin Affordable Housing Corp.
- Forward Community Investments
- United Way
- Project Home
- Numerous education & training partners

# **Community Impact**



- Unique home ownership opportunity for families between 40% and 60% of AMI.
- On average, families had less than \$1,000 in savings when they entered the program.
- 85% of those served were families of color
- 65% female headed households
- The median size of participating families is 5 and 79 percent are households of 4 or larger.

# **Community Impact**



- Families that participated in the program for 8+ years:
  - Saw cumulative assets grow from \$8,494 to \$248,725
  - Saw household income grow from average of \$30,062 to \$53,143
- 55 families purchased their homes so far
- Average equity gifted: \$50,000 totaling over \$2,700,000 equity earned by families.



# Highlights

- Program was the first to use tax credits for single-family, scattered-site program. Has since become a model throughout the state
- The program won the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network Award in 1998.
- Mutual of America Foundation Awardee <u>2017 Community Partnership</u> <u>Award</u>.



# The future



# ULGM strategic commitment to expanded housing & economic development efforts

- 1. Affordable Housing & Homeownership
  - Homeownership Program 2.0
- 2. Business & Economic Development
  - -The South Madison Black Business Hub

# Homeownership 2.0



- Launched in 2020.
- Using New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) for homeownership program model.
- Partnership with a national NMTC allocatee.
- Wells Fargo as tax credit investor.
- WHEDA as lender.
- 16 homes acquired and under renovation.
- ULGM to provide financing to buyer.



- Assess and provide financial and homebuyer education to 57+ aspiring homeownership that have expressed interest in ULGM's new homeownership program.
- 2. Provide ongoing training and support to the families that will purchase ULGM's 16 homes in 2021.
- 3. Connect families to other financial empowerment and homebuyer resources in the community.



- 4. Build a pipeline of ready homebuyers for future ULGM housing development projects.
- 5. Embed financial empowerment education across the ULGM's portfolio of programs:
  - Adult employment
  - Youth & family programs
  - ULGM Young Professionals chapter



- Group classes (including virtual) + individualized counseling and coaching.
- Collaboration with existing financial and homeownership education partners.
- Tap into national Urban League network and resources.



- Renew HUD certification to provide pre- and post-purchase training and counseling.
- NeighborWorks Financial Capability training.
- Requesting \$50,000 from City of Madison to expand financial and homebuyer education programming.
- ULGM to provide \$50,000 in matching funds from NMTC funds.



- Financial Management
  - Budget, Credit, Managing Assets, etc.
- Housing affordability
  - Affordable housing option, renting v. buying, etc.
- Fair housing
- Property Maintenance



- Responsibilities of Homeownership
  - Pre-purchase
  - Post-purchase
- Avoidance of foreclosure
  - Mortgage delinquency, default, etc.

