



IMPACT REPORT 2021/22



Washington Interfaith Network



WIN



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WHO IS WIN AND WHY ORGANIZE?

WHO IS THE WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN)?

WIN is a non-partisan network of faith institutions, non-profits, unions, and neighborhood leaders across all eight wards of the District. In an increasingly polarized time, we unite people across race, class, religion, and neighborhood to build power for social justice. We organize ordinary people to take actions that strengthen and improve the quality of life in our communities. People working together have the ability to change and create a more just and equitable District. WIN builds power around issues facing our communities like affordable housing, public safety, family-sustaining jobs, and increasing Black wealth.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO ORGANIZE?

Since our founding in 1996, organizing WIN leaders and allies has led to numerous victories, like the direct creation of over 2,800 affordable housing units and securing the funding for thousands more units across the District. We were part of demanding and winning the first Housing Production Trust Fund and increasing funding to \$100 million yearly since mid-2010. Last year, we worked to secure a \$450 Million Investment in the Housing Production Trust Fund! Our campaigns for jobs have secured agreements with Pepco, DC Water, and our public transit systems to increase the wages and benefits of thousands of frontline workers. Last year, due to our organizing and demands, Pepco created a \$36 million capital fund to invest in Black and minority-owned businesses in under-resourced communities. WIN organizing has also led to renovations of numerous libraries, recreation centers, and schools around DC.



Affordable Housing

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Homestead Apartments



House of Lebanon

Over the past 25 years, WIN has organized to close the racial wealth divide in the District of Columbia in numerous ways. Affordable housing and affordable homeownership have been and continue to be an essential part of our strategy. WIN has also organized to build affordable, rental, and for-sale housing on public and congregational land sites.

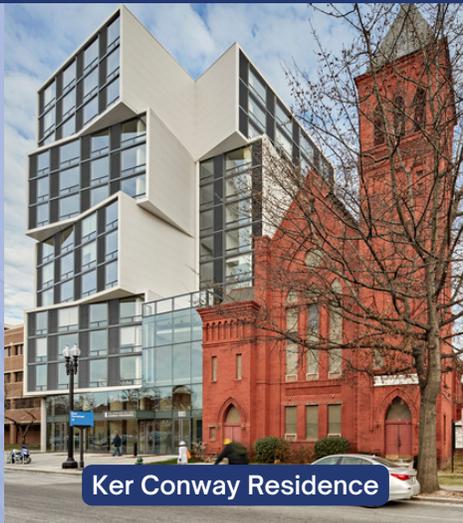
Currently, our housing campaigns are focused on the following:

Public Land

Affordable Housing Preservation and Creation

Public Housing

Black Homeownership



Ker Conway Residence



The Summit at St. Martin's

Housing: Public Lands

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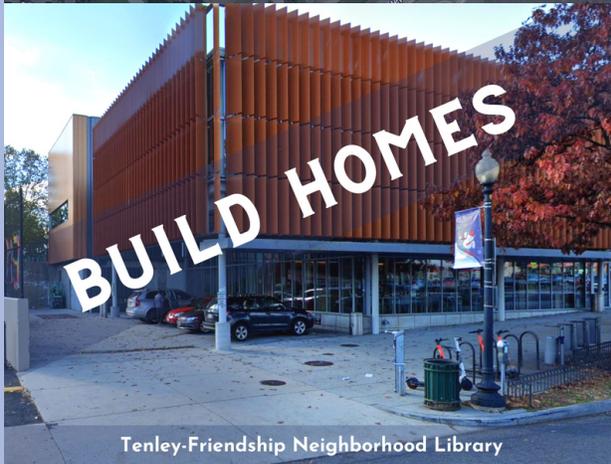
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RFK Stadium



Fort Reno Park



Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library



Chevy Chase Library

WIN advocates for public land dispositions of vacant land and organizes to impact District requests for proposals (RFPs) to include: maximized, mixed-income affordable housing ($\frac{1}{3}$ low income, $\frac{1}{3}$ workforce, and $\frac{1}{3}$ market rate) opportunities for home ownership and equitable development. WIN has been organizing to dedicate public land like Reservation 13, RFK, and other public land sites into affordable housing and low-middle income homeownership opportunities. In 2020 WIN worked with the District officials to influence the Hill East RFP to ensure our policy priorities were included in 2 parcels. In 2021 two developers were chosen. WIN is currently working with the development teams and the District to monitor pre-development and development efforts. Currently, WIN is a part of a proposal with two Black-led development groups to respond to a city RFP for a public land site in Ward 8. The proposal comprises 252 mixed-income affordable housing units and space for Black-owned businesses. Additionally, the proposal includes 30 subsidized for-sale units, a mix of townhomes, and condos targeting individuals earning from 50%-80% AMI, hoping to include even more. WIN Ward 3 has also identified potential public parcels to support building affordable homes throughout the District.

Housing: Affordable Housing Preservation and Creation

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In over two decades of on-the-ground work, WIN has worked alongside District-wide allies to produce a pipeline of over 2200+ units of affordable rental and homeownership units. Year in, and year out, WIN has contributed, along with many other advocates in the District, to the effort to fund affordable housing in the DC budgets. WIN believes that if individuals work and serve the District's residents, they should be able to afford to live in the District.

Some of our WINs!

Spring Road / Old Hebrew Home COMPLETED / OPEN!!!

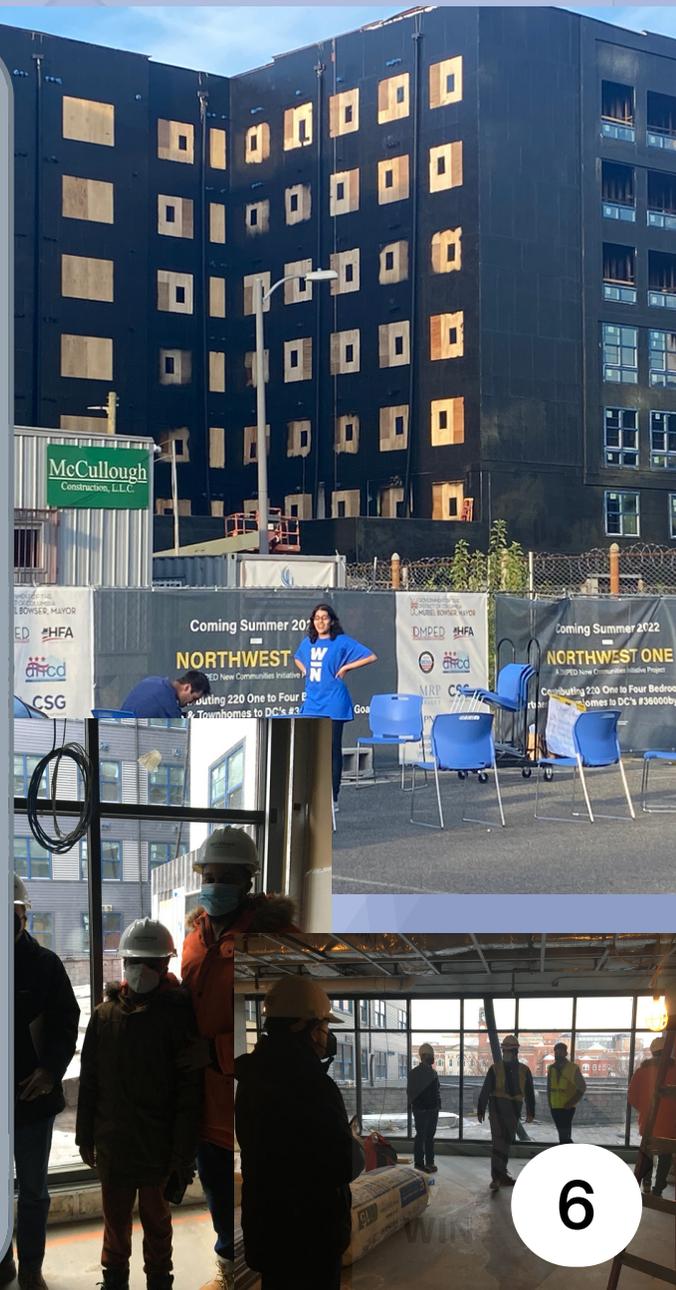
185 units, 149 affordable units. WIN brought the idea to the District during the Fenty administration when Mayor Bowser was the ward 4 Councilmember. WIN leaders organized through the RFP process, funding process, and every step of the way.

Temple Courts PHASE ONE COMPLETED/ OPEN!!!

Temple Courts will include 504 units priced at 60% or less of AMI out of 750 units total when completed. Half of the affordable units are priced at 30% or less of AMI. WIN leaders organized with former residents of Temple Courts, torn down in 2009, to push for the parking lot to become housing. We organized every step of the development process from RFP, to choice of developer, to funding. WIN is organizing to ensure former residents know about and get the right to return - many have already moved in. We will continue to organize and monitor the next phase of construction.

Reservation 13 Progress:

WIN believes there is a possibility for 5,000 units of affordable housing at Reservation 13, the 67-acre site, and when combined with RFK, a combined total of 200+ acres. During the most recent phase, WIN organized around affordability in the development and improved the affordability standards outlined in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The DC government adopted WIN's $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ language for the development of affordable housing. $\frac{1}{3}$ deeply affordable, $\frac{1}{3}$ middle income affordable, $\frac{1}{3}$ market rate, and a priority for low-income homeownership units.



Housing: Public Housing

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Building Power around Public Housing

WIN leaders are deepening relationships with our neighbors in DC public housing across the District to ensure resident voices are heard and so that the District of Columbia Housing Authority, Council and Mayor act with more accountability and urgency.



Over the past year and a half, WIN and residents have held 11 actions with DCHA leadership around immediate issues and long-term vision. As a result, some emergency repairs were made at Benning Terrace, Judiciary House, and Langston.



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Center Residents

Commitment to working with residents in Benning Terrace, Hopkins, Judiciary House, Langston, Potomac Gardens Senior, and Family and Districtwide around their specific resident-led priorities and visions for repairs, renovations, and redevelopment.

Make emergency repairs for health and safety.

Lead, mold, security hazards, rodents should be addressed immediately!

Increase affordable units

There is enough space to replace every deeply affordable unit, build more mixed-income units AND create homeownership opportunities to create generational wealth.



Build First & Don't Tear Down

Too often, the promise of redevelopment has led to displacement. Build First on vacant DCHA parcels. Minimize displacement of residents and create even more housing.



Housing: BETH (Black Equity Through Homeownership)

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This past Spring, during the DC FY 23 budget process, WIN pushed for 25 million dollars per year for four years allocated toward Black Home Ownership and increased funding for down payment subsidies. WIN and partners galvanized community members, sent email petitions, held a 2000-person hybrid candidate forum that lifted the importance of District funding for Black Homeownership, and met with D.C. council members to ensure that money was allocated in the budget for Black homeownership programs.

The DC Mayor and Council approved a budget that includes a HISTORIC 10 million dollar Black Homeownership fund and increased first-time homebuyer down payment subsidies to \$202,000. A Black Homeownership Strikeforce was created to help distribute the 10 million dollars. WIN board member Anne Ford represented WIN on the strike force and helped to bring forth WINs proposals.

We are proud of this progress, but the fight is not over. We will continue to organize to ensure that the money will be allocated in a way that best supports equitable housing and wealth distribution in the District.

We want you to
join us to:

Organize Current Black homeowners to demand a Funding Stream that supports home upgrades and ensures safe livability for the next generation

Organize Black and Native Washintonians who are aspiring homeowners in the District

Organize Neighbors to turn Blight into Homes

Organize around Public Land to create thousands of Homeownership Opportunities



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Why Black Homeownership?

- Creates stability for families
- The opportunity to build generational wealth
- Ability to pay off the mortgage and live rent free in retirement
- Homeowners have more say in community development, including schools and voter recognition
- Unprecedented public and private resources available
- Confront policies of redlining and systematically racist policies that disadvantaged homeownership for people of color

Increase the supply of affordable homeownership opportunities. Our Recommendations:

1. D.C. public lands for Black Homeownership. Dedicate lands Districtwide such as RFK, Reservation 13, and in ward 3 where Black residents have been historically excluded. We support affordable mixed income communities (1/3 low income, 1/3 workforce, 1/3 market rate).
2. Preserve public housing units through Build First and tenant ownership opportunities by implementing resident led redevelopment plans.
3. Renovation and preservation of existing homes through subsidies for upgrades for low income homeowners.
4. Implement creative solutions to turn vacant blighted properties into homes for Black homeownership. For instance, re-implement the District "vacant to vibrant" program.



Support Potential Black Homeowners. Our Recommendations:

1. Buy down the cost of mortgages to create subsidized homeownership opportunities that will help build generational wealth.
2. Create student debt relief programs targeted at Black and Native Washingtonians like the successful program in Maryland called Smart Buy that will leverage the student debt into mortgage dollars.
3. Expand District housing programs of Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) and Employer-Assisted Homeownership Program (EPAP) to meet the demand of potential Black homeowners.



Climate Justice

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Buildings are the number one driver of climate emissions in the District, primarily because they still rely on methane gas for heating, cooling, and cooking. At WIN, we are organizing alongside allies like the Sierra Club to address climate change AND housing affordability simultaneously by pushing for subsidies to upgrade and electrify heating systems and insulate homes while preserving units as affordable. We are organizing for:

- **Climate-friendly retrofits & repairs to public housing:** Over 1,500 units have been deemed unlivable. They are empty, while countless others are in unhealthy conditions and still housing families. Replacing gas-guzzling faulty heating systems and polluting appliances with green technology makes homes healthier and more dignified. Weatherizing buildings also seal out pests and stop leaks that cause mold.
- **Healthy air is a human right.** We are organizing citizen scientists to measure Nitrogen Dioxide in our homes and Methane in our streets.
- We are organizing to pass legislation to divert subsidies from Washington Gas to the electrification of green thousands of housing units. **Ratepayer money should not go toward subsidizing the past's climate-polluting energy but toward a climate-friendly future.**



This year our Green Healthy Affordable Buildings team:

- Engaged 500+ residents acting on the intersection of climate, housing, and racial equity
- Used Citizen Science Organizing to discover & map 400+ active methane gas leaks across all 8 Wards
- Worked with allies to win the passage of the Climate Commitment Act & the Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act



Communities directly affected by violence should be at the center of shaping solutions and have the resources they need to thrive. We want our elected officials to work with WIN and ally organizations to:

- Increase the number of “violence interrupters.”
- Dispatch mental health providers in response to 911 calls involving people in crisis.
- Invest in evidence-based, culturally competent behavioral health and wellness services and a holistic public health approach to school safety that is relational, racially just, restorative, trauma-responsive, and trauma-informed, including additional school counselors and clinicians.



SOME OF OUR PAST ACTIONS

November 6, 2021 Benning Terrace Action with Director Donald



November 17, 2021 Potomac Gardens Senior Resident Action with Director Donald



January 23, 2022, over 400 attendees, (Online) Ward 3 Affordable & Green Housing Action



May 11, 2022, Ward 3 Council Candidates Forum



March 20, 2022, 2000 attendees, (Hybrid) Candidates forum



March 20, 2022, 2000 attendees, (Hybrid) Candidates forum



October 3, 2022, Mayoral Announcement of Black Homeownership Strike Force Report



October 15, 2022, Electric Bus Tour & Public Housing Action at Potomac Gardens

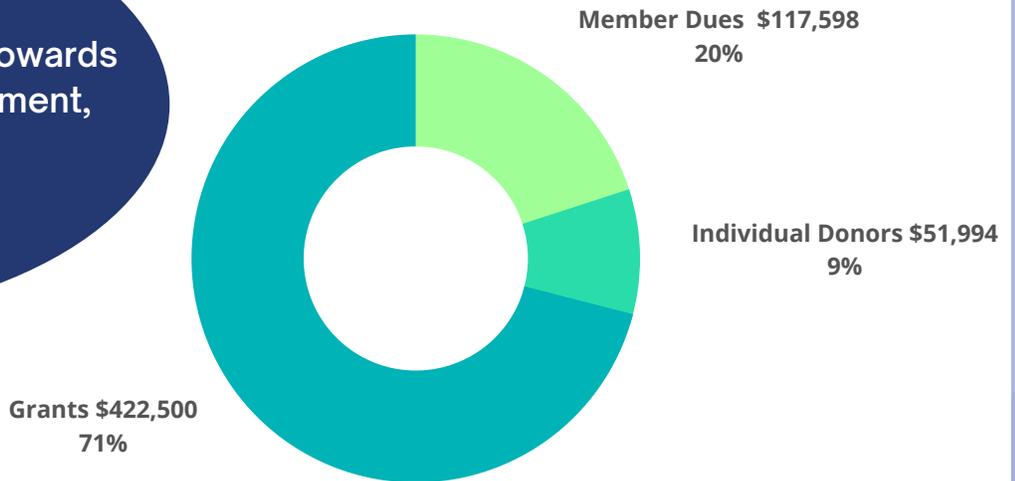


OUR FUNDS

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The majority of our funds go towards staffing, leadership development, and issue campaigns.

WIN 2021 ACTUAL REVENUE \$592,092



GOALS



Grow our capacity to deeply train and develop leaders.



Grow our capacity to organize and win around public housing, public safety, public lands, climate, and engaging potential and existing Black homeowners.



We are working to engage more individual donors.

2022	2023	2024
RAISE \$125,000	RAISE \$200,000	RAISE \$250,000
↓	↓	↓
FROM 150+ donors	FROM 200+ donors	FROM 300+ donors



MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Adas Israel Congregation
All Souls Church Unitarian
Augustana Luthern Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Chevy Chase Presbyterian
Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church
Church of the Pilgrims Presbyterian
Christ City Church
Covenant Baptist UCC
Dumbarton UMC
First Congregational UCC
First Rock Baptist Church
First Trinity Lutheran
Foundry UMC
Friends Meeting of Washington
Holy Comforter St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Little Lights Urban Ministry
LIUNA Local Laborers 11
Luther Place Memorial Church
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Masjid Muhammad
Metropolitan AME Church

Mount Vernon Place UMC
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National UMC
New Life Ministries
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
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St. Augustine Catholic Church
St. Columba's Episcopal Church
St. John's Church Lafayette Sq. Episcopal
St. Matthew's Cathedral Catholic Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Capitol Hill
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Table Church
Temple Sinai
TraRon Center
The Village Church DC
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In loving memory of John
More and his faithful service.

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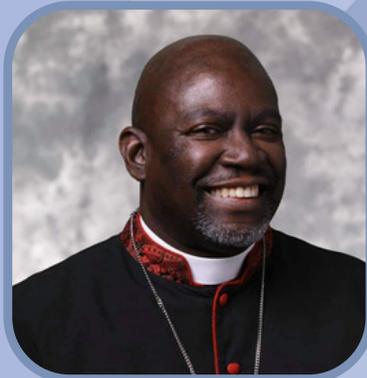
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