



# HOUSING PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

## 2025 Membership Agreement

This agreement reflects HPN's understanding of the mutual commitment among the Housing Partnership Network (HPN) and its member organizations.

HPN is a unique collaborative that derives its strength from the leadership and engagement of the highly accomplished housing and community development nonprofits that comprise it. We share a commitment to innovation, business excellence, racial equity and justice, and a desire to maximize our value and impact for the people and places that we serve.

Through HPN, members seek to increase their performance and sustainability by sharing knowledge and best practices, collaborating on enterprise development, and advocating for policy changes.

### HPN's Commitment

The Housing Partnership Network commits to facilitating a dynamic member-driven business alliance of organizations that are among the nation's most accomplished affordable housing, community development, and finance nonprofits. This includes:

- Facilitating peer exchange among member leadership and staff through our semi-annual member meetings, regular virtual meetings throughout the year, and other in-person meetings;
- Developing and launching collaborative enterprises to improve operational efficiencies, fill market gaps, and impact the double bottom line of member organizations and HPN;
- Advocating for policy and regulatory changes grounded in the experience of our members to improve their development, operating, and funding environment, and address the needs of the people and communities members serve;
- Developing and implementing initiatives that strengthen communities and residents, including homeownership counseling, consumer empowerment, and green and healthy communities;
- Maintaining a strong commitment to racial equity and working with members to create impactful ways to promote racial equity in all aspects of our work; and
- Demonstrating sound financial performance and operational efficiency.

### The Members' Commitment

Members agree to invest their time, expertise, and leadership to sustain a dynamic peer network where members collaborate on best practices, enterprise development, and policy. HPN expects that each member will engage in two or more of the following activities each year:

- Share knowledge and innovation with peers by having senior staff participate in semi-annual member meetings
- Actively participate in one or more HPN Communities of Practice through virtual meetings scheduled throughout the year
- Take part in one or more HPN business lines or enterprises
- Work with HPN Policy staff to advocate for policy change to increase the sustainability of our sector
- Provide board or committee leadership for HPN or its affiliated enterprises

In addition, all members are expected to do the following annually:

- Complete and/or update their organization's member profile, including corporate and production data, in order to demonstrate the collective impact of HPN for policymakers, funders, and industry partners;
- Pay annual membership dues;
- Demonstrate sound financial performance and operational efficiency;
- Demonstrate ongoing commitment to racial and ethnic equity; and
- Demonstrate impact at scale in their markets.

## **Data Sharing**

HPN regularly collects data shared by members, including through third parties. HPN will honor specific terms connected to each data collection and, in the absence of such terms, HPN will generally treat non-aggregated member data as confidential. HPN may use aggregated data to facilitate collaborative initiatives, conduct policy advocacy, research, enhance operational efficiencies, develop new enterprises, and demonstrate collective impact to external stakeholders. HPN may share non-aggregated member data with third parties as necessary to achieve these purposes and will do so under the terms of a contract or data sharing agreement that reasonably ensures the confidentiality of HPN members and requires that third parties have adequate data security protocols.

## **Membership Tenure**

While it is our intent that HPN remain of high value to its members, if at any time a member feels membership is no longer beneficial, they may elect to discontinue their membership. HPN may also discontinue an organization's membership.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in our unique partnership to transform and increase the impact of our industry.