

Advocates' Guide Authors

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NLIHC's expert on regulations related to the national Housing Trust Fund and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Prior to joining the staff of the Coalition, he worked for 26 years at the Center for Community Change (CCC), where his primary function was to provide technical assistance about CDBG to low income community-based groups. While at CCC, Ed also devoted considerable time to providing technical assistance to groups concerned about the negative impacts of UDAGs in their community.

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Prior to joining the FHLB Dallas, Greg developed affordable housing with Bank of America Community Development Corporation (BACDC) where he acquired, redeveloped and delivered more than 2,700 affordable multifamily rental units and over 225 affordable single family homes. Greg earned both his bachelor's in finance and his masters of business administration degrees from the University of South Carolina.

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Monica has led national Appropriations efforts to secure record federal investments in programs that address domestic violence and sexual assault. Monica also directs NNEDV's housing policy work with achievements such as: leading successful efforts to secure life-saving housing protections in the Violence Against Women Act of 2013; advocating for domestic violence survivors' access to housing and homelessness resources in the McKinney-Vento Reauthorization Act of 2009; and drafting housing protections for immigrant survivors in the Senate-passed bill, S. 744. Building on her housing policy work, Monica leads NNEDV's *Collaborative Approaches to Housing for Survivors*, a multi-agency technical assistance consortium designed to improve survivors' access to safe, affordable housing.

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