

## Settlement Housing Fund Seeks Executive Director June 21, 2013

**Settlement Housing Fund builds strong neighborhoods with quality affordable housing and community programs.**

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### History

Since 1969, Settlement Housing Fund has worked to create affording housing and neighborhood amenities for more than 25,000 low and middle-income New Yorkers. Settlement Housing Fund has developed 57 projects with over 8,700 apartments -- rentals, cooperatives, and two-family houses. Whenever possible, these incorporate commercial developments and community programs for children, young adults and families that provide opportunities for educational success and upward mobility. All of the work involves sustainable rental housing and truly affordable home ownership opportunities.

### Present

Through affiliates, Settlement Housing Fund currently owns 31 buildings with 1,712 apartments.

The newest residential development, *Semiperm*, provides formerly homeless single parent families with supportive housing that prepares them for independent living.

Another signature initiative is *The New Settlement Community Campus*. It combines two new public schools with outdoor play spaces, a health clinic and a community center with pool, dance studio, cooking classroom, and an educational green roof terrace. This model provides an enriched and expanded school day. The pool has programming provided by Asphalt Green. The dance studio is run in partnership with Alvin Ailey Arts in Education and Community Programs. This is a resource for the Bronx community where Settlement Housing Fund and New Settlement Apartments have worked for over two decades.

*DREAMS YouthBuild* in Crown Heights, Brooklyn offers GED training and job training (while rehabbing housing) to young adults. Recently, *Dreams* recruited students at Rikers Correctional Facility, added healthcare and technology job training tracks, and expanded community service and mentoring programs.

*St. John's Place Family Shelter* in Brooklyn works to provide a path to permanent housing for formerly homeless families. A new workforce development and post-secondary education center is under construction.

New housing is underway for a development in the Bronx and the construction of mixed income housing in the Two Bridges Urban Renewal Area of the Lower East Side, where Settlement Housing Fund has built partnerships over the past three decades.

Carol Lamberg, the long-term Executive Director has announced plans to step down December 31, 2013. She has been renowned for her thought leadership in the field of affordable housing, her pioneering and innovative solutions; as well as her intricate understanding of federal, state and city policies affecting housing and those struggling to afford it.

### **Position Overview**

The Executive Director will lead Settlement Housing Fund into a next phase of growth and sustainability through effective organizational leadership, increased fundraising, continued innovation, transformational execution and partnerships, and the promotion of important ideas for urban communities of the future.

**Key Responsibilities** include (but are not limited to):

- Strategic Planning, Leadership, Operational Management and Execution
- Advocacy, Outreach, and Marketing
- Resource Growth – through a diversified set of public and private sources; as well as productive partnerships with for-profit developers to provide knowledge and services
- Board Development

### **Characteristics of the Ideal Candidate:**

- Proven leadership experience and 15 or more years of management experience in a complex organization.
- Entrepreneurial talent – a business background does not preclude consideration.
- Experience in affordable housing is desirable but not required.
- Deep knowledge of different government financing vehicles for affordable housing is desirable.
- Ability to find and secure deals, and to envision and execute complex, multi-partner collaborations
- Exceptional speaking, writing and presentation skills.
- Enthusiasm for, and, ideally, a track record in, fundraising and/or government relations.
- A college degree is required. An advanced degree is desirable.

**Please direct all inquiries and applications in confidence to our executive search firm, Machlowitz Consultants, Inc. : [resumes@machlowitz.com](mailto:resumes@machlowitz.com)**

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