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Last year, as we braced for the force of the pandemic on affordable housing, CHAM pivoted to our Response and Resilience webinar series. What was the result of our efforts? With over half of the participants in our 13 **free** webinars working for nonprofits with fewer than 1500 units, our work has raised the capacity of hundreds of smaller organizations around the country. That is impact!

Now we are ready to take that learning to the next level at our 2021 conference, set for July 20th and 21st. It will be virtual, affordable and very relevant. With both practical advice and bold ideas, this conference will explore the path forward for advancing mission and performance during the pandemic and beyond.

Please consider being a sponsor of the 2021 conference. Your support keeps the conference reasonably priced and underwrites CHAM’s free year-round programs.

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IRS Provides More Guidance for Whether ERA Payments are Includable in Gross Income

The Internal Revenue Service answered [five frequently asked questions](#) concerning the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. The questions relate to whether ERA payments are includable in gross income for various stakeholders in different situations. The answers highlight that renters do not include ERA payments in their gross income, while landlords and utility companies do.

OppCo's Response to the Pandemic - Finding ways to tap into existing community structures and relationships to support residents

National Housing Conference Interview

When [Nuestra Comunidad](#) and [The Neighborhood Developers \(TND\)](#), two Boston-area community developers, came together to found [Opportunity Communities \(OppCo\)](#) in 2018, they never would have expected that the organization would spend its third year in existence responding to a global pandemic.

With several dozen residential properties across some of Greater Boston's most vulnerable neighborhoods, OppCo was forced to confront the inequities of a pandemic that had a disproportionate effect on working class and communities of color. OppCo's founders knew that needs would vary significantly between the neighborhoods it operates in, and so as the pandemic intensified they set about finding ways to tap into existing community structures and relationships to support residents as needed.

The National Housing Conference spoke with OppCo CEO Ann Houston and TND Director of Resource Development Nancy Turner about the ways that OppCo's unique model gave its member organizations a step up in responding to the pandemic. You can read about how OppCo leveraged its scale to connect residents with resources and foster solidarity at a time when face-to-face interaction was not feasible [here](#).

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