



City of Buffalo Mayor's Anti-Flipping Task Force



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Funding Report and Resources donated to the Mayor's Anti-Flipping Task Force Project

I. Funding Sources for WNYLC

Position: Coordinator -Kathleen Lynch

Experienced Attorney
Research and Development of Task Force,
Strategies, Coordination, Investigation, Legal
Analysis, Education and Listserv manager.

Position: Data Researcher/Asst to Coordinator Holly Lindstrom,

Candidate, Masters in Urban Planning
Research, collect and analyze data sources, assist in
development of ibase program, perform investigatory research tasks,
fields community complaints and develop community contacts for
investigation purposes. Supervision of interns.

2005-2006 Funding

\$30,000 CDBG/BURA Funds
\$17,000 WNY Delegation Funds secured by Assemblymember Hoyt
\$10,000 paid to Community Researcher from WNY Delegation
Funds secured by Assemblymember Hoyt

\$57,000 Total Funding 2005-2006

2006-2007 Funding

\$30,000 CDBG/BURA Funds
\$21,000 WNY Delegation Funds secured by Assemblymember Hoyt
\$15,000 State Legislative Grant secured by Senator Stachowski

\$ 66,000 Total Funding 2006-2007

II. Resources and Efforts Leveraged by this Funding with No Cost to AFTF

WNYLC –in Kind web-based resources	Overhead –office space, computer/telephone/paper supplies, and Videographer time/equipment 1 Research Intern –Buffalo State College 1 Research Intern- Medaille College
State Senate	Co-Chair by Senator Stachowski Dedication of significant staff time by Dennis Kozuch, Chief of Staff, and as Chair of AFTF Legislative Committee. Publication of First Year Report
State Assembly	Co-Chair by Assemblymember Sam Hoyt Dedication of significant time by Special Assistant Monica Pellegrino, and as Chair of Communications Committee. Publication of First Year Report and performed by law student interns. Assemblymember Crystal Peoples and Chief of Staff Shrita Sterling.
City of Buffalo	Timothy Wanamaker, Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning Carla Kosmerl, Office of Strategic Planning Director of Administration and Finance and Chair of Finance Committee Tracy Krug and Building Inspectors Melanie Gregg, Office of Strategic Planning Community Programs Marketing Manager, development of website and work with Communications Committee Members of city staff from various departments that have met with AFTF including Taxation and Assessment and Management Information Systems
Erie County Clerk	Time and resources provided by County Clerk David Swarts, Daniel Dillon, Legal Counsel, and technical staff to assist with Data and Legislative AFTF objectives
Housing Court	Meetings with Judge Henry Nowak and Court staff to discuss In Rem and other strategies to combat flipping
Common Council	Council Member Michael LoCurto as co-chair of Legislative Committee and meetings with various members of council and staff
Federal Representatives	Participation and research conducted by staff from HUD, Fannie Mae and local congressional representatives to help evaluate federal policies and practices that contribute to flipping.

Hilbert College	Significant time and expertise provided by Prof. William Haslinger, and student assistance, use of computers/ibase software
i2 Software	Programmer development/travel and time to work with AFTF and Hilbert. No cost to AFTF
Buffalo State College	Significant time and expertise provided by Prof. Wende Mix including data analysis and GIS mapping
Erie Community College	Significant time, resources and marketing provided by Carrie Kahn, Executive Dean Workforce Development as well as College Facilities and Staff, including Debbie Caroccia, to plan and hold 2 educational seminars for AFTF
Legal Agencies	Investigative and Legal Analysis provided by Legal Services for the Elderly and Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo
Professionals and Organizations	Particular thanks to Harry Meyer, Diane Wray, William Johnson, Nancy Saia, Nancy Langer, Pat Lester, Sue Fretz, Dan Locche, Doreen Fahey, Mary Kolhbacher, Pat Lester, Jerry Inda, and Adam Alessi Dedication of time, resources and expertise of Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors & Bar Association of Erie County, New York State Bar Association Real Property Law Section, the Appraisal Institute, Attorney Grievance Committee to provide education and information exchange about flipping
Law Enforcement	Meetings with investigators and attorneys at various law enforcement offices at state and federal level. Special thanks to Heather Yanello, Pat Anthony, Robert Trusiak and Jim Morrissey for education efforts
Private Sector and Non-Profit	Support and resources provided by Better Business Bureau, LISC, individual realtors. Participation and support by housing and other non-profit agencies