



**PLEASE SUPPORT S.B. 363**

**AN ACT TRANSFERRING FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**Which includes \$150,000 for technical assistance for independent, resident-led organizational  
development and technical assistance in public housing communities**

**This funding will ensure that residents of public and publicly assisted housing have the knowledge, tools and technical assistance needed to participate fully, actively and collaboratively in decisions affecting their communities.**

- The Governor's budget proposal invests in technical assistance and consulting services to Housing Authorities (\$148,296 in FY 2015). We support that investment, along with an additional investment in public housing resident capacity.
- Thanks to the investment of more than \$300 million over 10 years, state-financed public housing will be modernized, revitalized, and, in some cases, completely developed. Thanks to a law passed in 2011 (CGS 8-64c), residents of that housing must be partners in the planning and implementation of this investment. They will be impacted by this important investment more than anyone else.
- With these funds, residents of public housing communities will have access to information and technical assistance about the laws and opportunities that are critical to the success of their evolving communities.
- The Publicly Assisted Housing Resident Network (PHRN), Connecticut's only statewide, resident-led organization that provides an independent voice for tenants in publicly assisted housing, supports this bill. PHRN is committed to giving people the tools they need to advocate for their communities.
- These funds will assure the presence of an active, engaged and informed resident population during significant public housing redevelopment throughout Connecticut.

*"We found PHRN and the revitalization process to be educational, enlightening, inspiring and needed. This process gave us the ability to be active participants as opposed to worried spectators."* **King Court Resident Association, East Hartford.**

*"PHRN worked with Westmount and the Meriden Housing Authority on the redevelopment at Chamberlain Heights and helped smooth a difficult, confrontational process and created a participatory and inclusive process that is supporting all stakeholders. Effective resident participation leads to leads to more effective decision-making, higher housing quality, better and more accountable management and healthier communities."* **Rick Ross, Managing Director, Westmount Management, Inc.**

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