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Education: Reed College, Portland, Oregon
BA Psychology, May 1982

University of Maryland at Baltimore
MA Community Planning, May 1987
Recipient of American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Student Award

Relevant Work Experience

1993 - Present ABG Consulting LLC, Gray, ME.

Serve as consultant to local and state government, nonprofit, and private entities for grant writing, research, business planning and special projects.

Highlights:

Helped local, state, and national clients win over \$167 million in state and federal grants:

- US Housing and Urban Development (*Continuum of Care; YouthBuild; Housing Counseling; Housing Counseling Training; Consolidated Technical Assistance Program; Rural Housing and Economic Development.*)
- US Department of Treasury (*Community Development Financial Institution.*)
- US Department of Health & Human Services (*Supplemental Services for Refugees; Services for Torture Survivors; Targeted Assistance Grant.*)
- US Department of Health & Human Services (*Connecting Kids to Coverage.*)
- US Department of Labor (*Welfare to Work for Homeless Persons.*)
- Maine Department of Education (*21st Century Community Learning Center.*)
- Maine Department of Health & Human Services (*Independent Support Services; High Fidelity Wraparound; 12-15 Year Old.*)

Helped staff and support an ambitious new national, social enterprise scale-up initiative for homebuyer services:

- Consulted to NeighborWorks America's Supportive Homeownership Pilot, Phases 2 & 3.
- Supported the application process that chose participating organizations in both phases.
- In Phase 2 served as Team Lead for the Service Expansion Innovation Team and was a member of the Project Management Team.

Supported NeighborWorks America grant-making initiatives:

- **National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program (NFMC):** In 2007 Congress appropriated funds for foreclosure counseling in response to the national housing crisis, asking NeighborWorks America to manage the program. Worked with key NeighborWorks staff to develop the Funding Announcements, Request for Proposals, Scoring Rubrics, and Scoring Guides for the first three rounds, and helped plan and deliver reviewer trainings. Served as a grant reviewer for NFMC Rounds 4 – 10. To date over \$853 million has been awarded nationally, assisting more than 2.1 million homeowners in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.
- **Financial Capability Pilot:** Helped write the Application, Guide, and Scoring Rubric for the 2nd and 3rd rounds of this program. Scored the proposals and summarized all reviewers' scores.

Helped nonprofits and communities respond to the foreclosure crisis:

- For national intermediaries Enterprise Community Partners & NeighborWorks® America analyzed state and local government Action Plans and summarized best practices under the Congressionally appropriated \$4 billion Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Co-authored a paper "[*The Challenge of Foreclosed Properties: An Analysis of State and Local Plans to use the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.*](#)"
- Researched and wrote 10 case studies on responsible approaches to community stabilization in the wake of the foreclosure crisis, published as "[*Responsible Approaches to Neighborhood Stabilization: Case Studies in Action.*](#)"
- Under contract with Enterprise Community Partners currently provide Help Desk staffing for HUD's \$4 billion Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), providing guidance to NSP grantees.

Researched and Wrote Papers Relating to Homelessness, Poverty, and Serving At-Risk Youth:

- Researched rural family homelessness in Maine, analyzed systems gaps, and recommended strategies for improving access to housing and services (for MaineHousing). See "[*Home to Stay: Helping Families Avoid or Recover from Homelessness in Maine's Rural Areas.*](#)"
- For YouthBuild USA researched and wrote "[*YouthBuild and Habitat for Humanity: A Guide for Local Collaboration*](#)" to help local YouthBuild and Habitat for Humanity programs work together to build affordable housing and serve at-risk youth.

Supported Maine Nonprofits and Local Governments in Creating Affordable Housing:

- From 1994-2004 founded and served as a Consultant to the Maine Housing and Technical Assistance Consortium, created with a grant from HUD's Consolidated Technical Assistance Grant. Wrote the grants, served on the Management Team overseeing grant implementation, and helped coordinate technical assistance for housing and community development.

Past Experience

1993. Director, Program Development, Maine State Housing Authority, Augusta, ME.

Coordinated agency-wide policy development and planning. Served as Maine's first administrator of the HUD HOME program.

1992. Special Projects Coordinator, Maine State Housing Authority, Augusta, ME.
Led the design and implementation of the Housing Preservation Loan Program, an innovative statewide secondary market for housing renovation loans made to low-income homeowners not bankable by conventional standards.

1988-1991 Executive Director, Cumberland County Affordable Housing Venture, Portland, ME.
In concert with the Board of Directors, planned and implemented all program activities in a new regional non-profit housing advocacy organization.
In 1990 established the Maine Building Materials Exchange, a nonprofit that supports (primarily) low-income homeowners by providing new and re-usable building materials out of its warehouse in Lisbon.

Volunteer Activities

Present:

June 2019:	Gray Town Council, serve as Vice-Chair
2010 – Present:	Member, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition
2014 – Present:	Independent Historian, author of <i>Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage</i> . Frequent public speaker on women's rights history.
2018 – Present:	Steering Committee Member, Maine Suffrage Centennial Collaborative.
2019:	Appointed to Maine's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

Past:

2012 – 2019:	Founder and Chair, Gray Bike-Ped Committee
2003 – 2009	Board Member, Genesis Community Loan Fund (last two years as board Chair). Served on the real estate development committee.
1994 – 1996	Board Member, Maine Housing Investment Fund (precursor to the Northern New England Housing Investment Fund). Served on the real estate development committee.
1994-1999	Board Member and Chair, Maine Building Materials Exchange.

References available upon request.