

Housing Council Seeking New Director For Agency

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CANTON - The St. Lawrence County Housing Council is looking for its next executive director.

The St. Lawrence County Housing Council is a non-profit development corporation that has served over 28 years as a resource to the county, its towns, and its people while earning a solid reputation for cost-effective delivery of community development projects that meet the need for housing improvement; home ownership training, education, and financing; management of multi-family and elderly housing, planning and development of public facilities, even property redevelopment and renewal of local Main Streets.

In November of 2008, Chris Rediehs, the council's executive director, assumed a new position as director of St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services

Rediehs' departure thus pre-

sents a significant leadership opportunity for the right candidate. Resumes or nominations can be forwarded to susanm@nonprofitjobs.org

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Jennifer Ashley, the agency's long-term business manager, has been appointed as interim executive director.

Sean Partridge, director of CSTEP Center for Diversity at SUNY Potsdam, chairs the housing council's board of directors which governs the housing council.

Projects are implemented by a 13-member staff supported by an annual operating budget of \$860,000 leveraging millions in local community reinvestment. The organization currently administers two dozen grants and contracts and manages 200 residential and commercial units in six communities with a healthy potential project pipeline from which to choose, according to

the housing council.

According to a release sent to the Advance News, "Not since the Great Depression has financial abuse and failure so eroded the public's confidence in institutions reliant on the trust and personal investment of individuals and families. Within this current environment, some comfort can be taken in the enduring presence of community-based institutions that exceed expectations while upholding the public trust through sheer hard work, financial prudence and dedication. Such is SLCHC, the St. Lawrence County Housing Council, Inc."

Over the past 10 years, the housing council has received the coveted Governor's Empire Award for outstanding community development work; a Best Practices Award from the Governor's Office for Small Cities; and an Innovative Housing Program Award from the NY Division of Housing & Community Renewal.