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**Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation Receives  
CSH Award of Social Innovation Fund Subgrant to  
Create Healthy Futures through Supportive Housing in  
San Francisco, California**

March 7, 2012 - Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) has been awarded a Social Innovation Fund subgrant from CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing) to fund innovative solutions that link supportive housing and healthcare. TNDC's **Kelly Cullen Community**, which will provide housing to 172 formerly homeless people and will be home to a Department of Public Health Integrated Primary Care and Wellness Clinic, is one of four pilot programs from across the country that was selected by CSH for the subgrant. CSH's Social Innovation Fund grant comes from the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) and will be matched by philanthropic partners in a national effort to demonstrate that the integration of affordable housing, care management, and health services is effective in improving health outcomes for the vulnerable men and women caught in a revolving door of hospitals, emergency rooms, detox and other crisis health services.

With the \$425,000 annually in subgrant funds, TNDC's **Kelly Cullen Community** (located at 220 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood) will house and provide patient-centered health care to 172 individuals and will join a national learning collaborative with three other pilot programs being carried out in Los Angeles, Washtenaw County, MI, and throughout the state of Connecticut, spurring the creation of a new generation of health care workers equipped to address the complex health needs of the most vulnerable individuals. TNDC will also receive technical assistance and training from CSH, benefiting from their national expertise. CSH will help TNDC to create unique partnerships between community health and housing systems, to engage policymakers and to build an innovative model that can be replicated, extending the benefits far beyond the initial tenants.

"CSH is thrilled to support TNDC and its partners in the Kelly Cullen Community project and its resulting expansion of the San Francisco Department of Public Health's successful Direct Access to Housing model. TNDC's Kelly Cullen Community will serve as a stunning physical embodiment of how to provide a package of affordable housing and health services to improve health at lower public costs," says Richard Cho, CSH Director of Innovations and Research.

According to Donald Falk, TNDC's Executive Director, "This funding will not only help 172 people make the transition from the streets to homes, it will help us understand the critical connection between health and homelessness, and validate what we all know intuitively to be true: it is less expensive to society to house people than allow them to remain homeless. We look forward to learning from our partners, funders and co-grantees, and to making an impact together on the national dialogue around this important issue."

### **About Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation**

TNDC's mission is to provide safe, affordable housing with support services for low-income people in the Tenderloin community and be a leader in making the neighborhood a better place to live. Since its founding in 1981, the TNDC portfolio has grown to 30 buildings with 2,500 units serving more than 3,000 tenants. TNDC provides its tenants with professionally managed, affordable housing and vital services that help to ensure tenants maintain their housing and increase their health and well-being. In 2011, over 1,800 tenants participated in services provided by TNDC. The organization has more than 15 years of experience housing and providing on-site case management services to a variety of low-income populations, including chronically homeless adults and families, and those with chronic and persistent mental illness, medical conditions, substance use issues co-occurring disorders. Many of these tenants are frequent users of crisis health services.

### **About the San Francisco Department of Public Health – Housing and Urban Health's Direct Access to Housing Program**

SFDPH-HUH's Direct Access to Housing (DAH) Program has been providing permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people in San Francisco since 1999, and now supports over 1,250 adults in 29 buildings across the city. The DAH program is committed to and has had great success housing people with long histories of homeless and complex health care needs. The DAH program provides these services directly, and partnerships with highly qualified and experienced housing and service providers such as TNDC.

Beginning in 2004, SFDPH opened its own Housing and Urban Health Clinic (the HUH Clinic) which was specifically designed to serve all the tenants of supportive housing in San Francisco. The HUH Clinic currently provides approximately 1,500 healthcare visits with supportive housing tenants per month. In January 2013, the HUH Clinic will move its location to the ground floor of Kelly Cullen Community and will continue to provide longitudinal primary care and behavioral health services for all people living in supportive housing in San Francisco, including the 172 tenants of Kelly Cullen Community.

### **About Corporation for Supportive Housing**

For over 20 years, CSH has led the national supportive housing movement. We help communities throughout the country transform how they address homelessness and improve people's lives. CSH develops innovative program models, provides research-backed tools and training, offers development expertise, and collaborates on public policy and systems reform. And, CSH is a certified community development financial institution (CDFI). We make it easier to create and operate high-quality affordable housing linked to services. To date, CSH has made over \$300 million in loans and grants, and has been a catalyst for over 150,000 units of supportive housing. For more information, visit [csh.org](http://csh.org).

### **About the Social Innovation Fund**

The Social Innovation Fund is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service that improves the lives of people in low-income U.S. communities. Through an innovative public-private partnership, the Social Innovation Fund and selected local and national grantmakers co-invest in programs that increase the scale of community-based solutions that have evidence of real impact in the areas of youth development, economic opportunity or healthy futures. Every federal dollar invested is matched with private funds, and all programs are rigorously evaluated. As a result, the most effective approaches can be expanded to reach more people in need and key lessons can be captured and broadly shared. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov/Innovation](http://NationalService.gov/Innovation)

### **About the Corporation for National and Community Service**

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