Get ready for SLACO’s 23rd Annual Regional Neighborhood Conference, which will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park. Tickets will be $35 in advance and $45 at the door. Student tickets will be $25 with a valid student ID.

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SLACO’s 40th Ruby Anniversary

Photo: St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson (second from right) presented SLACO Executive Director Kevin McKinney (far left) with a Proclamation at the St. Louis Women’s Club declaring September 20 as SLACO Day. Also present were Chief Resilience Officer Patrick Brown (second from left) and Collector of Revenue Greg F.X. Daly (far right).

The event highlighted SLACO programs and services that have made a positive difference in the St. Louis community, as well as past executive directors, founders and other supporters who serve the organization.

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SLACO’s Finest 15, LRA and Reliance Bank Team Up To Give LRA Homebuyers the Green Light to Rehab Vacant Homes

Through a partnership between the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations’ (SLACO) Finest 15 Program, the Land Reutilization Authority (LRA) and Reliance Bank, a new home repair loan product will now be available to help potential homebuyers renovate LRA property.

Called the Green Light Home Improvement Loan, homebuyers with flexible credit will be able to get a fixed low interest rate loan ranging from $5,000 - $15,000, with additional loan products that may go up to $50,000. The loan will allow buyers to make repairs to items such as a roof or siding, and to renovate or replace items such as windows, refrigerators, stoves, HVAC systems, furnaces and water heaters. Consumers could also use the loan to add an accessibility ramp, carpet, flooring and much more. It is the only home improvement loan product specifically designed to allow borrowers the ability to rehabilitate a vacant LRA property.

The Finest 15 is a program of the SLACO Vacancy initiative. Since its inception one year ago, the Finest 15 has partnered with the LRA to highlight and market LRA properties in various St. Louis neighborhoods. The price of these selected properties typically range from $1,000 to $4,000. To date, more than 70 LRA properties have been featured to potential homebuyers.

For more information about the loan product and SLACO’s Finest 15 Program, contact Kevin McKinney, executive director, at 314.361.9406 or kmckinney@slaco-mo.org.

Participants at Finest 15 workshops held last year.
Your Support Helps Strengthen Our Community

There Are Many Ways to Give

There are several convenient ways to donate to SLACO. When shopping, sign up for the eScript card, Amazon Smiles and Giving Assistant and choose SLACO as your charity. Local places such as Schnucks will make a donation via eScript when you use your card. A portion of your Amazon Smile and Giving Assistant purchases will also be donated to SLACO. If you shop at a local Fresh Thyme Farmer’s Market, make SLACO your charity of choice and a portion of your purchase will be donated to SLACO. Or visit www.slaco-mo.org and click on the donor button. Donations can be set up as recurring or one-time gifts.

Give STL Day Set for May 1

SLACO will participate in Give STL Day, a 24-hour day of online giving that will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Your gift helps fund SLACO programs, such as Neighborhoods United for Change and our Vacancy Initiative. So please mark your calendars and consider SLACO on this day.

Your Contribution Makes A Difference

As an organization, SLACO addresses many issues that affect the St. Louis community – issues such as vacancy and racial division within our city. We address these issues via innovative programs such as The Finest 15, which helps remove vacant housing from the city’s Land Reutilization Authority (LRA); and Neighborhoods United for Change, a program that helps address the racial division within our city by bringing together residents from North and South St. Louis. Through guided neighborhood bus tours and facilitated lunches, residents discuss their neighborhood’s strengths, challenges and help one another solve problems, all in an effort to create a better understanding and trust among each other, and to dispel stereotypes around race and class.