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The Changing Role of Public Housing Authorities in the Affordable Housing Delivery System



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Public housing authorities (PHAs) in the U.S. have transformed from entirely public endeavors to public-private hybrids that must respond to market forces. As the recession began, PHAs were just beginning to experience the full effects of this transition. Using 13 cases studies of the largest PHAs in the Pacific Northwest, she will outline activities PHAs undertake in this devolved, market-based context. The different responses by PHAs point to the under-valued attribute of public housing authorities as local organizations with diverse mandates. Dependence on HUD, local charter, and the degree of integration with local government contributed to PHAs' propensity to develop non-HUD-assisted affordable housing. Even with this creativity, adequate resources are needed to meet the demand for affordable housing for the poorest households as market conditions change.

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