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People of Note

NYC Housing Partnership Names Smarr President, CEO

By Justin Sumner - CoStar News

The board of directors of the NYC Housing Partnership in New York City has named Jamie A. Smarr as president and CEO.

In his new role, Smarr will continue to expand the partnership's role in creating and preserving affordable housing in the region, according to James Hedden, chairman of the board for the NYC Housing Partnership.

The nonprofit housing partnership has worked for four decades to bring together private sector developers and financial institutions with city, state and federal agencies, and has created and preserved more than 70,000 low- and moderate-income housing units in the five boroughs, leveraging over \$7 billion in private financing and more than \$500 million in subsidies for affordable housing.



Jamie Smarr will serve as president and chief executive of the nonprofit NYC Housing Partnership. (NYCHP)

Smarr joins the housing partnership from the NHP Foundation, where he led the nonprofit's affiliate program, which seeks joint-venture affordable housing partnerships with other not-for-profits and community-based organizations. He was also involved with its acquisitions program and worked with the financial community, policymakers, equity funds and foundations to support affordable housing development.

Before that, Smarr worked for 11 years as executive director of the New York City Educational Construction Fund, which engages public-private real estate development partnerships for the New York City school system. While there, he was responsible for the addition of 3,000 new public school seats and more than 1 million square feet of new residential and commercial space in New York City. Earlier, Smarr served as director of tax and zoning incentives for New York City's Housing Preservation and Development Department.

Throughout his public service career, Smarr has helped create more than 2,500 units of affordable housing through various public-private partnerships.

Smarr holds graduate degrees from Columbia University and Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from Duke University. He completed the Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs fellowship at Princeton University