Evanston One-Stop Shop for Affordable, Green Retrofits

What: Provide an accessible, centralized service for income-eligible households to access decarbonize and weatherize their buildings.

How: Match eligible building owners with layered home rehab funding sources from various government and philanthropic funders.

Why: Current delivery of government housing rehab programs can be burdensome and difficult to navigate for income-eligible households, providing a barrier to access for low and moderate-income people, particularly people of color.

Who: The One-Stop Shop is a partnership between three entities:

- The Evanston Development Cooperative (EDC) is a worker-owned construction cooperative committed to designing and building sustainable, resilient communities. EDC's owners include local minority-owned construction firms, and it has a track record of building energy-efficient accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Evanston.

- The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit. CNT delivers innovative analysis and solutions that support community-based organizations and local governments to create neighborhoods that are equitable, sustainable, and resilient.

- Founded in 2016, Latinos en Evanston North Shore is a local grassroots nonprofit organization focused on informing, educating and uplifting local Latinx community members. The organization has hosted celebrations for cultural events, offers English classes, and organized emergency pandemic-response services.

- The City of Evanston is a municipal government which has supported the One-Stop Shop with an initial $1 million dollar pilot allocation through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Team members from the City Manager's Office, Sustainability and Resilience Division, Community Development, and Health Departments are contributing to the program.

Where: The two-year pilot is focused in two DoE Justice40 census tracts in Evanston, Illinois, with the goal of geographic expansion to serve more income-eligible households over time.