Chrystal Kornegay Profile



Metro Housing | Boston is very pleased to honor Chrystal Kornegay with the 2021 Champions of Housing Lowell L. Richards III Award.

Chrystal currently serves as Executive Director of MassHousing, which lends over \$1 billion annually to produce and preserve affordable rental housing and create homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income

borrowers.

Under Chrystal's leadership, MassHousing launched a highly successful Down Payment Assistance program; secured over \$80 million to expand its Workforce Housing initiative; and developed a nationally recognized program for homeownership production in communities of color.

Before joining MassHousing, Chrystal served as the Baker-Polito Administration's Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development where she successfully advocated to increase state capital dollars for affordable housing; partnered to increase rental subsidies for low income families; and collaborated to dramatically reduce the number of homeless families in motels.

Prior to her work as Undersecretary, Chrystal was President and Chief Executive Officer at Urban Edge, one of New England's largest community development corporations.

Chrystal serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, the National Housing Trust, the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) and is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's Advisory Committee. Chrystal holds a Master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.A. from Hunter College.