



## HCCP Designee Spotlight: Patricia Murphy

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Patricia Murphy worked at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) from 1995 to 2020. After retirement, Patricia kept up to speed with the industry but took it very easy for a couple of years. Gradually, she has grown her consulting business to 23 clients, and she now has two employees. Her firm provides training, remote and onsite file reviews, Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans, assistance responding to state agency reviews, and file approvals.

### **How has the HCCP designation impacted your career?**

Since going out on my own, having the HCCP designation has been critical. Clients who do not know me from my years at TDHCA require it as proof of my expertise.

### **How did you get into the LIHTC industry?**

I worked as a first-time home buyer educator for the city of Austin. The position was grant funded, and I needed to find another job. I was hired as a compliance monitor with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and it was a perfect fit for me.

### **What are your day-to-day responsibilities?**

In addition to my consulting work, I am excited to announce that I am launching a new nonprofit: Housing Support Services Alliance! In addition to providing the social services required by the Land Use Restriction Agreement, this nonprofit will provide case management services to prevent evictions. Our case managers will work directly with households that fall behind on rental payments and connect them with food assistance, utility bill assistance programs, low-cost transportation, day care options and



employment opportunities. For households that we are able to successfully stabilize, we will pay off the past due rent with charitable contributions.

I have been learning so much with these new day-to-day responsibilities including creating nonprofit bylaws, applying for a 501(c)(3), drafting contracts, recruiting board members, etc. It has been a lot of work, and it is worth it because I know we are going to make a big difference!

**What helped with your success in the LIHTC industry?**

My education. I was a sociology and women’s studies major at Boston College. My academic coursework demanded extensive hours of reading, which significantly refined my reading comprehension abilities. This skill has undeniably played a pivotal role in my success within the LIHTC industry, as comprehending the intricacies of the tax code and treasury regulations is no small feat.

**What’s your favorite hobby?**

After 22 marathons and three Ironman triathlons, I have succumbed to arthritis in my knee and hung up my running shoes. Now my favorite hobby is playing the piano! I have been taking lessons for four years, and I am still terrible, but I really enjoy it — it is like exercise for my brain!