

Brief Resume: MaryAnn Russ
Consultant in Low Income Housing

Key Qualifications

Ms Russ has over 50 years' experience working in public and assisted housing, including as HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Assisted Housing, Executive Director of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, Executive Director of the Wilmington (DE) Housing Authority, Director of Training at the National Center for Housing Management, Principal Associate for Abt Associates, CEO and President of the Dallas Housing Authority, the largest housing authority in Texas, before returning to consulting for selected clients.

Areas of expertise include all aspects of Public Housing operations and administration, the Housing Choice Voucher program, and HUD-assisted housing, with particular emphasis on project-based operations, asset management, housing policy, demolition and disposition of public housing, strategic planning, operating subsidy, property management, occupancy, management assessment, procurement, civil and disability rights in Federal Housing, and training and technical assistance.

Professional Experience

- August 2016 to present: **CEO/President, Off the Grid Low Income Housing Consulting, Shunk PA:**
- February 2009 to July 2016: **CEO and President, Dallas Housing Authority, Dallas, Texas**
- June 1, 2007 to January 31, 2009: **Managing Director, Housing Voucher Programs and Acting Vice President Public Housing Operations, Houston Housing Authority, Houston, Texas:**
- 6/1997 – 6/2007: **Principal Associate, Abt Associates, Bethesda, MD, Chicago, IL and Sarasota, FL:**
- 1/1994- 6/1997 **Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Assisted Housing Operations; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**
- 1990-1994 **Executive Director, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA)**
- 1989-1990 **President, Russ Associates**
- 1984-1989 **Executive Director, Wilmington (DE) Housing Authority.**
- 1983-1984 **Director of Technical Services, Wilmington (DE) Housing Authority.**
- 1979-1983 **Director of Training, National Center for Housing Management**
- 1974-1979 **3 Positions: Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Director of Special Programs, Training Coordinator, Texas Department of Community Affairs.**
- 1972-1974 **3 Positions: Components Requirements Manager, Disposition Officer and Legal Services Specialist, Wilmington Housing Authority.**
- 1970-1972 **Housing Specialist, Housing Development Corporation of Chester**
- 1969-1970 **Planning Technician, City of Chester, Planning Division**
- 1968 - 1969, **Graphic technician, Delaware County Planning Commission**

Education

- Attended University of Delaware, Newark, DE, Master's Program in Urban Affairs.
- B.S., Environmental Design, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, PA,
- Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, One year, transferred to Philadelphia College of Art
- Unionville High School, Unionville, PA, National Merit Scholar, Graduation Awards in English, Music and School Citizenship