### Board of Directors Cook County Land Bank Authority Executive Director's Report

Robert Rose, Executive Director December 13, 2019





This report covers:

- Recognition/Announcement
- FY2019 Accomplishments
- FY2019 Year in Review
- FY2019 Core Business Activities Recap



- Board Director Sarah Ware recognized by Chicago Defender as one of the 2019 Women of Excellence
- Elisha Sanders elected to the Board of the Realist Women's Council of Illinois (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President)
- New staffers: Alex Alvarado (Asset Manager), Alice Chen (U of C Fellow)



- Emmanuel Pratt of Sweetwater Foundation was awarded 2019 MacArthur Genius Grant
- Emmanuel Pratt and Candice Payne were named 2019 Chicagoans of the Year by Chicago Magazine



### **Board Opportunities**

- Suburban mayor appointee Mayor John Ostenburg Park Forest
- Suburban mayor appointee Mayor Jeffery Sherwin Northlake



# **FY2019 Accomplishments**

- Cumulative impact of \$100 million!
- Closed record-high 773 transactions in 2019. This represents a 12.5% increase over 2018.
- Homebuyer Direct Program sold 69 homes directly to consumers
- Received over 15,000 entrants for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Home Giveaway
- 500<sup>th</sup> Home Rehab Celebration on November 22, 2019





#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Acquire 500 properties

### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

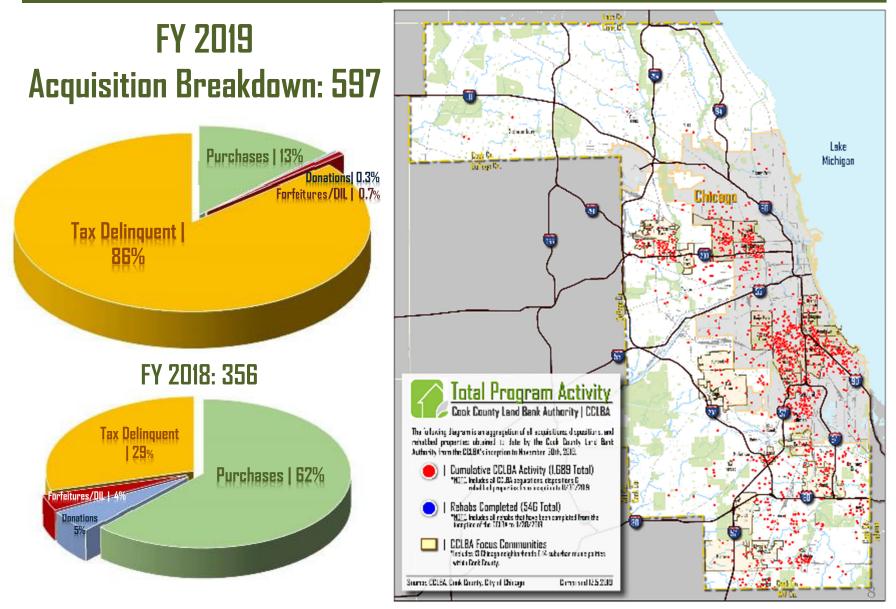
Acquired 597 properties

Record high for single year acquisitions

Surpass 356 properties acquired in 2018



# FY 2019 – Acquisitions





### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Execute Scavenger Sale Acquisitions

### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

Converted 513 certificates into tax deeds from the 2015 Scavenger Sale

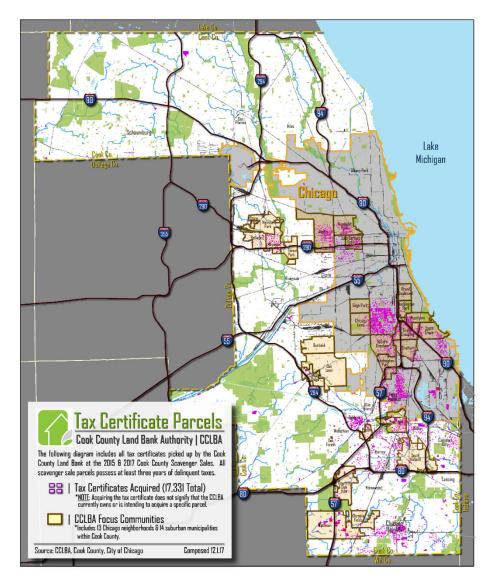
On-track to take 28% of tax certificates to deed; greatly exceeds the 10% taken by the private market

Robust mix of vacant land, residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use properties

Emphasis on Focus Communities, Transit-Oriented Development and Key Community Assets



## **Tax Certificate Program - Activity**



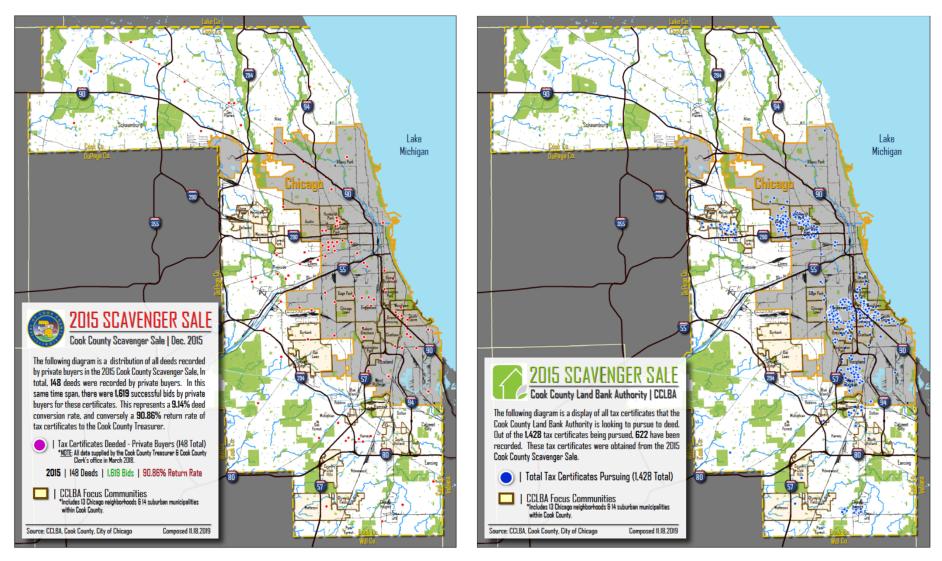
#### **Tax Certificate Program**

Total # of Applications (As of 11/30)	5,929
Total # of Properties Applied (As of 11/30)	2,181
Total # of Acquisitions (As of 11/30)	666
Total # of Redemptions (As of 11/30)	821
Total Redemption Amount (As of 11/30)	\$9.96 mm





### **Scavenger Sale Comparison**





#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Dispose of 200 Properties

### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

Sold 176 Properties

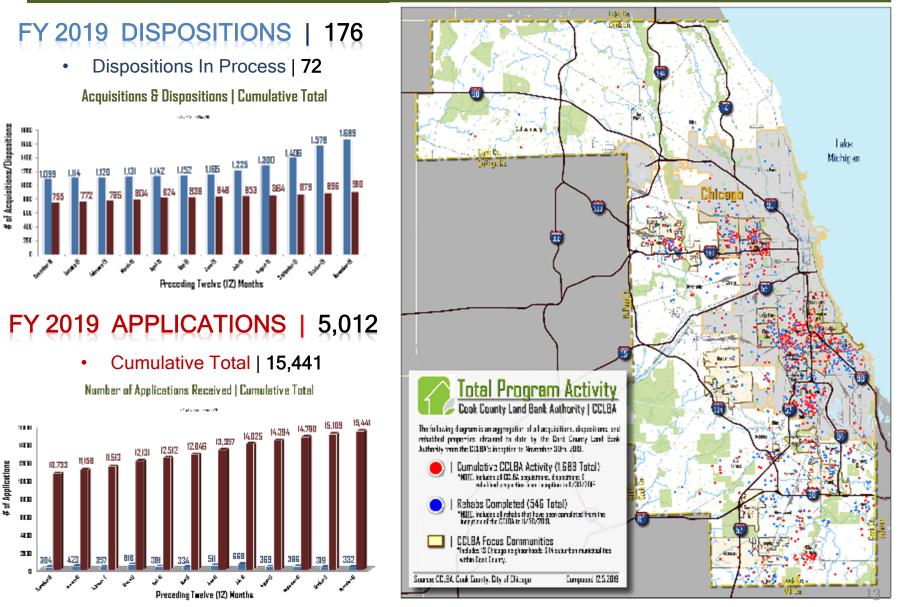
Lower than anticipated sales due to lower inventory levels during the selling season

Processed 5,012 applications for property acquisition; 10 more applications per month than FY2018.

Cumulatively worked and engaged with 525 community developers



# FY 2019 – Dispositions





#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Continue Homebuyer Direct Program

### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

195 homes have been sold since the FY2017 rollout, of which 69 were sold in 2019

An average of \$20,000 in equity belongs to each new homeowner

Represents 39% of all properties sold; significant increase from 6% in FY2017 and 28 in FY2018



#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Proactively Acquire Properties via Abandonment/Forfeiture Cases

### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

Partnering with the Village of Maywood via IGA for targeted redevelopment

Partner with the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, Department of Law and Department of Buildings

> Coordinate and support South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority



#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

Complete Staffing Plan to Increase Capacity and Organizational Efficiency

#### **ACTUAL PERFORMANCE**

Hired Alex Alvarado (Asset Manager)

Hired Alice Chen (U of C Fellow)

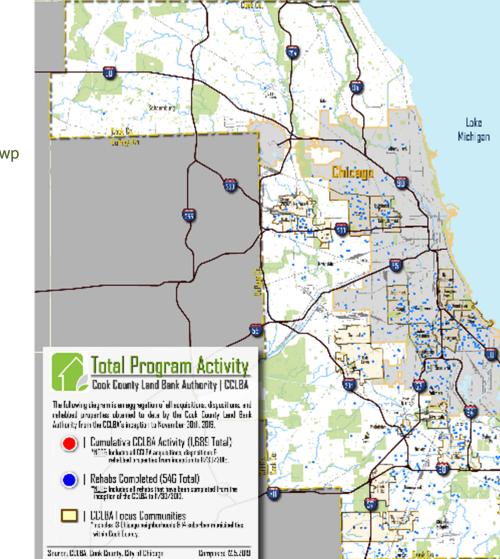
Four open staff positions to be filled once more office space is acquired



## FY 2019 – Demolitions/Rehabs

### FY 2019 DEMOLITIONS | 17

- Cumulative Total | **134**
- Properties Saved From Demolition | 299
- Abandoned Properties Program
- Flood Buyout Program Wheeling/Leyden Twp



#### FY 2019 REHABS | 167

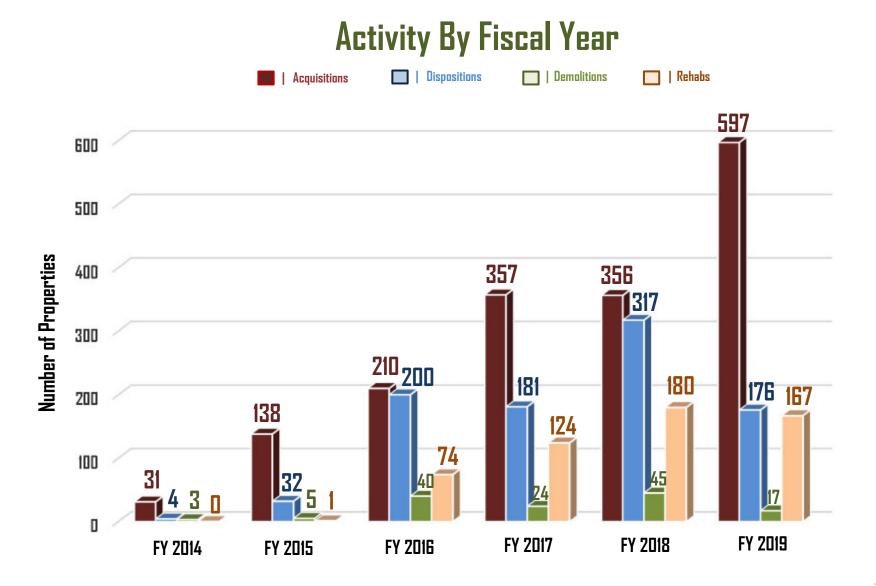
- Cumulative Total | 546
- Total Number Reoccupied | 509
- Current Rehabs In Process | 360



2019 Core Business Activities (December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019)						
	Prospects	In Progress	Completed	2019 Goals	% Goal	
Acquisition	12,396	2,780	597	500	119%	
Disposition	3,199	72	176	200	88%	
Demolition	274	6	17	30	57%	
Rehab	712	360	167	200	84%	
Cumulative Core Business Outcomes (as of 11/30/19)						
Community Wealth		\$71,314,114	\$72,000,000	99%		
Scavenger Sale – County Redemptions		\$9,959,178	821			
Cumulative Core Business Activities (as of 11/30/19)						
Acquisition		1,689	Demolition		134	
Disposition		910	Rehab		546	
Inventory		779	Reoccupied		509	



## **Cumulative Activity**





#### **Acquire 800 Properties**

• Portfolio acquisitions based on location and community impact

#### **Execute Scavenger Sale Acquisitions and Dispositions**

- Vacant Lots/Commercial/Industrial/Multifamily/Single Family
- Identify and implement strategies for building a more efficient and predictable process for taking tax certificate properties to deed

#### **Sell 400 Properties**

• Work with existing developer pool, homebuyers, and new development partners

#### **Homebuyer Direct Program**

• Direct partnerships with banking partners and housing counseling agencies

# **Proactively Acquire Properties via Deed-in-Lieu/Abandonment/Forfeiture Cases/ TBI De-Conversions**

• Partner with the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, Department of Law and Department of Buildings

#### **Relocate and Execute Hiring Plan**

- Currently space constrained
- Moving to another floor with expanded floorplan will enable four additional hires including Deputy Director