



AARON DARDEN

*PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER*

PROFILE

Aaron Darden began his career in the public sector at the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency in Nashville, Tennessee in 2008. For nearly a decade he served in leadership roles throughout the agency. He left the agency serving as director of recapitalization and was previously the chief operating officer of affordable housing. Darden was selected as president/CEO of the Tulsa Housing Authority in May 2017. In this position, Darden is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the agency. His vast experience in public housing operations, finance and development is a great asset to THA.

Certified Public Housing Manager
Certified Tax Credit Specialist
Certified Occupancy Specialist

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EDUCATION

Tennessee State University

Master of Business Administration

University of Memphis

Bachelor of Arts, Social Work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa

President & Chief Executive Officer

2017 - Present

- Directly responsible for leading Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa (THA) by planning, organizing and directing its activities
- Directs THA in implementing vision articulated by Board of Commissioners in the agency strategic plan
- Led a team of successful professionals in being awarded a 2017 \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant; project will total more than \$200 million
- Directing strategy of conversion of all Public Housing properties through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program

Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency

Director of Recapitalization/Public Housing Manager

2008 - 2017

- Served as project lead for a 94-unit, mixed-income, mixed-finance development in Nashville, TN; equity stock for project included LIHTC 4%, a 221(d)(4) loan in the amount of \$13 million, RAD conversion, city funds and cash from the agency; project currently under construction
- Completed refinance of existing Hope VI property in Nashville using LIHTC 4%, a 223(f) refinance process with HUD; allowed access to \$18 million in equity on the property
- Worked to close various 4% and 9% LIHTC applications and implementation including contractor walks and initial lease-up work to stabilize properties
- Lead, coordinated and initiated master planning processes at multiple MDHA Public Housing sites
- Created project charter and project management timelines including scope, budget and schedule for construction projects



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEDIC Management Group

Project Management Professional

- Significant experience with LIHTC management and lease-up operations
- Experience working with maintenance personnel and various contractors to ensure a quality community
- Responsible for overall budgeting for multiple multifamily communities
- Experience managing both 4% and 9% LIHTC communities
- Responsible for investment partner reporting and certifying residents under LIHTC program
- Assisted with all multifamily capital improvement projects including working with investors and contractors
- Served as corporate LIHTC trainer
- Worked on LIHTC compliance team performing LIHTC property audits

