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David Greenidge serves local communities of color by overseeing programs to help struggling people obtain jobs and housing. He is the executive director of the National Urban Housing and Economic Community Development Corporation, a non-profit operated out of the Genesis Community Fellowship at 5425 N.E. 27th Ave., providing construction job training programs and overseeing the development of new affordable homes geared for low income and mid-income residents.

Community Healing

A jobs and housing mission grows

BY DANNY PETERSON
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A northeast Portland non-profit is breaking down employment and housing barriers for people of color and others by providing free and specialized training in construction industry jobs, life skills help, and sponsoring

new affordable housing for low to mid-income residents. With a new \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation awarded last week and the near-completion of 20 affordable homes that have been under construction

over the past year, the National Urban Housing and Economic Community Development Corporation (NUHECD) is making strides in their public service mission.

“We’re real excited about that,” said David Greenidge, NUHECD’s executive director, who operates the organization out of the Genesis Community Fellowship, a non-denominational church, located at 5425 N.E. 27th Ave.

The organization was formed a few years ago when Greenidge and other concerned residents got together to survey why so many members of the black community in north and northeast Portland struggled to find work compared to the majority of the community. They found that African-Americans were over represented in the criminal justice system and the disparity was hurting them econom-

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