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Suzanne Marcus has more than 20 years of experience working at the intersection of gender-based violence (GBV), homelessness, and housing.

She co-founded the first low-barrier housing program for GBV survivors in Washington, D.C., directed a transitional housing program for survivors in New York City, and served in key leadership roles providing training and technical assistance at the local, state, and national levels.

She worked with over 50 federal, state, and community-based housing program directors, administrators, researchers, and funders through the creation of a national peer network in support of providing financial assistance (flexible funding) to promote economic self-sufficiency and housing stability for survivors, and she serves on a federal interagency safe housing technical assistance initiative.

She has designed and implemented a grants management training series for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Family Violence Prevention Services Administration (FVPSA) grantees, and designed creative grants management solutions that leverage funding, including flexible funding solutions, between various federal grant programs.

Ms. Marcus has authored leading guidance, policies, regulations, case studies, procedures, and practices and is an experienced trainer and technical assistance provider on a range of safe housing topics, including housing protections for survivors afforded through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and other federal laws.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Women's Studies and a master's degree in Urban Policy and Nonprofit Management from the New School in New York City.