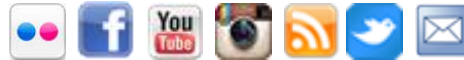




# REGION III HUDLINE NEWS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR



### Secretary Embarks on Opportunity and Investment Community Tour

I just returned from Washington after spending a few days with HUD’s new Secretary, Julián Castro. I was fortunate to be in attendance as he provided the keynote address at the Bipartisan Policy Center’s 2014 Housing Summit. In his remarks, Secretary Castro outlined his vision for the department that includes six key components: Building a stronger HUD; Helping Americans secure quality housing; Ending homelessness; Strengthening communities in this Century of Cities; Leveling the playing field for all Americans; Addressing climate change and natural disasters. Let me share some of what he said.

Let’s begin with some good news. Our economy is growing. American businesses have created 10 million new jobs over the last four-and-a-half years—the most since the late 1990s. Businesses are exporting more goods

stamped “Made in America” than ever before. The housing market has gotten stronger, with home sales, starts and values all rising in recent years. These are days of tremendous progress across the board, and now our charge is to accelerate this progress for every American. That’s where HUD comes in.

Secretary Castro sees HUD as the Department of Opportunity—playing a powerful role in helping folks lift themselves up. In his first seven weeks as HUD’s leader, the Secretary has traveled the country for his “Opportunity and Investment Community Tour. The tour, including a stop at our National Capital Region Field Office (above left), has provided Secretary Castro with an opportunity to see firsthand how innovative ideas and solutions are being generated to create strong, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Secretary Castro noted that in every corner of our nation, HUD is delivering help and hope and expanding opportunity for all Americans.

### A Tour Stop in Philadelphia’s Promise Zone

A few weeks ago, Secretary Castro joined us to visit one of the first Promise Zones—the Mantua neighborhood in West Philadelphia. He saw how the public and private sectors are coming together to advance common goals. He met with local leaders, including City of Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who are equally committed to shaping their own destinies and fulfilling their vision for change. He witnessed a community’s plan for the future turning into progress on the ground and met many of the folks who have renewed hope for their neighborhood because of this initiative. While touring the Mt. Vernon Manor Apartments, Mayor Nutter (above right) explained the city’s Mural Arts Program to the Secretary (center) in front of the Herman Wrice Mural.





### VISTAs and PowerCorps PHL Serving in Promise Zone

Secretary Castro met two groups of AmeriCorps members during his visit to Philadelphia. These national service members are working in coordination with HUD to improve conditions in this area through the Affordable Housing AmeriCorps initiative, addressing the preservation of affordable housing in the neighborhood, and by expanding economic opportunity to help its residents overcome poverty via PowerCorps PHL AmeriCorps.

PowerCorpsPHL enrolls 100 at-risk 18 to 26 year olds each year in a six-month AmeriCorps program that provides participants with the opportunity to develop the skills required to become environmental stewards, secure meaningful work and become civically engaged members of society. AmeriCorps VISTAs serving in the Promise Zone will continue their signature work of fighting poverty by placing members in positions that develop services that expand access to resources that will improve conditions in the community.

### New Promise Zone Partnership Benefits Youngsters

A new collaboration between the William Penn Foundation, Drexel University and initiative partners will help address some of the educational challenges that the Promise Zone program seeks to alleviate. “A child’s zip code should not determine his or her destiny, odds of attending a good school, or lifetime economic opportunities,” Secretary Castro stated in his announcement at Families First, one of the centers benefitting from the child care initiative. “This collaboration will serve as a model for other communities that are looking for innovative ways to rebuild neighborhoods and prepare the next generation for college and career.” Two of the center’s students shared their artwork with the Secretary during his visit.



There are 1,161 children ages 0-5 in the communities surrounding Drexel University and 75 percent of those neighborhood children are in childcare settings of low or unknown quality standards, not effectively positioning children for success. William Penn Foundation and Drexel University and their partners will work to improve the quality of childcare by offering training for teachers and center directors, exposing staff to model childcare centers and practices, and networking providers to support one another.

### New Challenges & New Opportunities

HUD is working hard to give folks who have been underserved for far too long, the chance to fulfill their full potential. But the Secretary cautioned that this won’t be easy. In recent decades, as needs have gone up, HUD’s resources have gone down. It’s clear that the Department has to be more innovative and more efficient in the years to come. In this age of limited resources, the answer is smart government.

His vision is to continue breaking down the silos and increasing collaboration with other federal agencies, local governments and the private and non-profit sectors. When he spoke at the Housing Summit, he stressed that in this budget climate, HUD can’t address problems alone—nor do we want to. As a former Mayor, he knows that progress often begins from the ground up, and we’re going to support this innovation in every way we can. The Secretary stated that he will strive to work closely with all our partners to make this an era of expanding opportunity for all Americans.

Speaking of opportunities—on September 23, HUD announced the Notice of Funding Availability for the second round of Promise Zone designations. Once again, the Promise Zone designation partners the Federal government with local leaders who are addressing multiple community revitalization challenges in a collaborative way and have demonstrated a commitment to results. Could your community be one of the next Promise Zones? Check out *News You Can Use* for more details.

Jane C.W. Vincent, Region III Regional Administrator

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

The **Promise Zone initiative seeks to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country** by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs and cutting through red tape. **The Obama Administration invites a new round of eligible applicants to apply for a Promise Zone designation.** All communities can apply that meet the eligibility criteria and demonstrate high need, a strong local commitment and a compelling strategy. HUD intends to designate six urban communities and USDA intends to designate at least one rural and at least one tribal community. HUD and USDA have reorganized and revised the Application Guide to make it more readable and user-friendly for applicants. Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST on November 21, 2014 with announcements expected in 2015. Applications will be submitted via [www.Max.gov](http://www.Max.gov). For more information and how to apply, visit the [Federal Register](#).

HUD awarded nearly \$6.4 million to help public housing and Housing Choice Voucher residents throughout Region III connect with local services to improve their education and employment and to put them on a path to self-sufficiency. Funded through HUD's [Family Self-Sufficiency Program \(FSS\)](#), these grants allow public housing agencies (PHAs) to work with social service agencies, community colleges, businesses and other local partners to help public housing residents and individuals participating in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program to increase their education or gain marketable skills that will enable them to obtain employment and advance in their current work. In 2014, Congress combined funding for the Public Housing FSS (PH FSS) and Housing Choice Voucher FSS (HCV FSS) programs into one program serving both populations. [Read more about the local impact of the grants.](#)

HUD Secretary Julián Castro launched the [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#) making \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. The competition promotes risk assessment and planning and will fund the implementation of innovative resilience projects to better prepare communities for future storms and other extreme events. Funding for the competition is from the Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) appropriation provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (PL 113-2). [Sixty-seven eligible applicants](#) including states with counties and local governments that experienced a Presidentially Declared Major Disaster in 2011, 2012 or 2013 are eligible to submit applications that address unmet needs as well as vulnerabilities to future extreme events, stresses, threats, hazards, or other shocks in areas that were most impacted and distressed as a result of the effects of the Qualified Disaster. The two-phase year-long competition is structured to guide applicants in the framing phase (due March 2015) through broad consideration of their disaster recovery needs, vulnerabilities, stakeholder interests, resilience and other community development investment alternatives. Then they can refine those needs and design potential solutions in the implementation phase. Successful Phase I applicants will be invited to participate in Phase 2 to design solutions for recovery and resilience.

On August 26, HUD, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) [released a new national estimate of veteran homelessness](#) in the United States. **Data collected during the annual Point-in-Time Count conducted in January 2014 shows there were 49,933 homeless veterans in America, a decline of 33 percent (or 24,837 people) since 2010.** This includes a nearly 40 percent drop in the number of veterans sleeping on the street. HUD, VA, USICH, and local partners have used evidenced-based practices like Housing First and federal resources like HUD-VASH (the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program) to get veterans off the street and into stable housing as quickly as possible. The federal government has provided significant new resources to help communities pursue the goal of ending homelessness among veterans. Communities that target these resources strategically are making significant progress and can end veteran homelessness in their communities in 2015.

[The Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) for the Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2014 Funds in the FY 2013 - FY 2014 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Competition \(FY 2014 CoC Program Funding Notice\)](#) has been posted to [FY 2013 – FY 2014 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Competition: Funding Availability page](#) on the HUD Exchange. The FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing and FY 2014 Project Applications are now available in e-snaps. **Submission Deadline is October 30, 2014 at 7:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Issued on July 28, [CPD-14-012 Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing](#) and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status provides guidance to Continuums of Care (CoC) and recipients of Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) regarding the order in which eligible households should be served in all CoC Program-funded PSH. This Notice also establishes recordkeeping requirements for all recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH that includes beds that are required to serve persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

The July edition of the Obama Administration's Housing Scorecard [featured a Spotlight](#) on the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metropolitan Statistical Area (Philadelphia MSA). Ben Houck and Tim McNally of the Philadelphia Regional Office's Economic and Market Analysis Division completed the economic, demographic and housing market conditions portion of the Spotlight.

**Erika Lizabeth Moritsugu is HUD's new Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.** Since 2012, Ms. Moritsugu served as the Deputy Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Prior to that, she served as the Deputy Legislative Director for U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawai'i and held several different roles at the Majority Leader's Democratic Policy Committee, including Acting Staff Director, Policy Director and Counsel, and Economic Policy Advisor.

As a community development professional, program manager or administrator who works on programs and projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), you may have wondered **how other people have used their CDBG funds to improve lives and influence positive change in their communities.** Maybe you have heard stories of exemplary projects and thought, "how can I do that in my community?" Or, maybe you are a prospective CDBG recipient and want to learn more about the type of activities CDBG grants may fund. HUD has created a series of online products to illustrate how states, counties, cities and towns have used the CDBG program to make beneficial changes in their communities. We hope you and your colleagues find the videos, multimedia scrapbook, and project profiles informative and inspirational. View the [CDBG Online Technical Assistance Products](#). And, we'd love to hear from you, too! Share your story about how CDBG helps your community on Twitter at #CDBGturns40, or email it to [CDBGturns40@hud.gov](mailto:CDBGturns40@hud.gov).

**HUD announces additional rebranding changes to the HUD Exchange website and social media pages.** The website URL will be updated from <https://www.onecpd.info/> to <https://www.hudexchange.info/>. All links and URLs from the original website will be redirected to the corresponding HUD Exchange pages. Please note that although redirects are in place, website users and visitors should update their links, saved pages and bookmarks where possible. All email addresses ending with "@onecpd.info" will be updated to "@hudexchange.info." The @OneCPD Twitter handle will be updated to [@HUDEXchangeInfo](#). A new [HUD Exchange Flickr page](#) and a new [HUD Exchange YouTube channel](#) are also being created. If you have any questions or comments, please submit them via the [Contact Us](#) form.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced that borrowers who prepay their FHA-insured mortgages will not have to make interest payments beyond the date their mortgage is paid in full. FHA's rule, [Handling Prepayments: Eliminating Post-Payment Interest Charges](#), applies for FHA-insured mortgages closed on or after January 21, 2015. This rule explicitly **prohibits lenders from charging borrowers post settlement interest, which is broadly defined as a "prepayment penalty"** by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), for all FHA Single Family mortgage products and programs. Read FHA's rule: [Adjustable Rate Mortgage Notification Requirements and Look-back Period for FHA-insured Single Family Mortgages](#).

The **FHA posted the draft Servicing section of its draft Single Family Housing Policy Handbook (SF Handbook) for stakeholder review and feedback.** This is a continuation of FHA's progress toward a single, consolidated SF Handbook that will make it easier for stakeholders to do business with FHA. The *Servicing* section covers post-endorsement to the end of the mortgage insurance contract. The section consolidates policy from the 1994 HUD Handbook 4330.1– *Administration of Insured Home Mortgages* and related Mortgagee Letters, Housing Notices, and other policy sources. When published, the section will incorporate all servicing policy into a single source and provide FHA loan servicers with a comprehensive resource on servicing FHA-insured single family mortgages. Visit the *Servicing* page link on the [SF Drafting Table](#) to access the draft section content and supporting documentation. Feedback from stakeholders will be accepted **through Oct. 17, 2014.**

A recently released [briefing paper](#), **FHA at 80: Preparing For The Future**, lays out FHA's mission in the single-family mortgage market and presents its historical role in meeting immediate and emerging challenges over its history.

In June, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) convened a panel of experts to discuss the role of [gender in shaping the impact of neighborhood context on youth development](#). The convening was motivated by studies that found puzzling differences in **the effects of the Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing (MTO) demonstration program on boys and girls.** In particular, a recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association analyzing the outcomes of MTO found that girls and boys from MTO families were affected very differently when they moved from high- to low-poverty neighborhoods. HUD convened the panel to draw on the expertise of the study's authors and other researchers to better understand the gender differences in the MTO outcomes, how policymakers should think about the role of gender in neighborhood effects, and how HUD programs should relate to them.

A [new report from PD&R](#) examines the **neighborhood characteristics of Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant applicants** in the program's first three years. A "Spatial Analysis of Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Applicant Neighborhoods" aims to understand how neighborhood boundaries are defined and determine what distinguishing characteristics, if any, exist between successful and unsuccessful applicants.

**Housing discrimination continues to be a significant barrier to advancing housing choice and equal opportunity in communities across the country.** At [PD&R's quarterly briefly in July](#), leading fair housing scholars and practitioners joined officials from HUD to discuss the effects of housing discrimination and residential segregation, along with efforts to understand and combat these persistent problems.

On July 30, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) posted on its HUDClips web page a revised **Addendum to the Uniform Residential Loan Application** ([form HUD-92900-A/VA Form 26-1802a](#)). The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) made changes that updated Page 2, Section 23 for VA-guaranteed mortgages. The VA update clarifies what constitutes a valid marriage for the purpose of obtaining VA benefits. This form is used for both VA and FHA mortgage originations. Although the specific revisions to the form do not apply to FHA-insured mortgages, mortgagees should begin using the revised form for new FHA mortgage originations as soon as possible. Note that no provisions for FHA mortgages have changed.

The **HOME Program Monthly Reports**, including the [2012/2013 HOME Activities Reports](#), are now posted on the HUD Exchange. You may also access them from the [HOME Program Resource Page](#) under "HOME Reports."

HUD launched the [Participatory Budgeting](#) resource page on the HUD Exchange providing **resources related to Participatory Budgeting**, a citizen engagement process through which community members decide how to allocate a portion of a public budget. Citizens make direct decisions about how government money is spent in their community by identifying and prioritizing public spending projects. Communities can choose to use the Participatory Budgeting process to deepen citizen engagement, including for the use of eligible HUD funds.

The **spring/summer 2014 issue of [Evidence Matters: Transforming Knowledge Into Housing and Community Development Policy](#)** focuses on the impacts of housing discrimination and segregation on communities and efforts to combat it. The issue details the frustratingly persistent nature of segregation and discrimination as well as the costs borne by minority households as a result. It outlines current efforts to measure the scope of the problem and highlights the strategies used by three nonprofit organizations to enforce fair housing law, fight housing discrimination, and promote housing choice for all.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the release of the [2014 National Protection Framework](#) which describes **how communities can safeguard against acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other threats or hazards.**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that DOT would **provide \$600 million for 72 transportation projects in 46 states and the District of Columbia from its TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) 2014 program.** The Department received 797 eligible applications from 49 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, an increase from the 585 applications received in 2013. Overall, applicants requested 15 times the \$600 million available for the program, or \$9 billion for needed transportation projects. More information about the 2014 TIGER grants can be via the [TIGER 2014 Project Fact Sheets](#) and [Ladders of Opportunity Through TIGER](#).

An [ECOBUILDING Pulse 2014 web posts](#) a [CoreLogic's 2014 Storm Surge Report](#) that **estimates the number of single-family homes exposed to storm surge damage as a result of hurricanes**, as well as the estimated cost of reconstruction. An interactive map breaks out a section from CoreLogic's report, a ranking of states with the highest number of homes potentially affected by storm surge damage, in contrast to their estimated property reconstruction cost. The cheat sheet breaks down the reconstruction costs for total properties and extreme risk properties for the top 10 cities exposed to storm surge damage, which include Virginia Beach, VA and Philadelphia, PA.

In an effort to **increase awareness of the Making Home Affordable® (MHA) Program's free resources and assistance for struggling homeowners**, HUD, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the Ad Council today launched a new series of public service advertisements (PSAs) as a part of their Foreclosure Prevention Assistance campaign. MHA launched in 2009 and is a critical part of the Administration's strategy to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, stabilize the country's housing market, and improve the nation's economy. The program offers a range of solutions, including lower monthly mortgage payments for struggling homeowners, as well as options for unemployed or underemployed homeowners and those who owe more than their homes are worth. To date, MHA has helped more than 1.5 million families nationwide. This latest phase of the campaign aims to reach struggling homeowners who may be current on payments, but are, as a result of some hardship, juggling expenses to make ends meet. Many of these homeowners may be unaware that MHA has

expanded its options, and may have a solution available to address their particular financial situation. Nearly 1 in 17 homeowners has fallen behind on his or her mortgage, underscoring the continued need for MHA, which was recently extended through at least December 31, 2016. The PSAs, which are available in English and Spanish, **direct homeowners to call 888-995-HOPE (4673) to speak one-on-one with experts at HUD-approved housing counseling agencies** about solutions based on each family's individual circumstances. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, the campaign drives homeowners to [MakingHomeAffordable.gov](http://MakingHomeAffordable.gov) for program eligibility and information. Per the Ad Council model, all PSAs will be aired and run in time and space donated by media organizations. Since the campaign was launched in 2010, media outlets have donated over \$135 million in airtime and space.

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## HUD FEDERAL REGISTER RULES, NOTICES & FUNDING

### Rules

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program-Aligning Operator Financial Reports With HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards](#)

[HUD Implementation of Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Provisions on Public Housing Agency Consortia, Biennial Inspections, Extremely Low-Income Definition, and Utility Allowances; Technical Correction](#)

[Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards: Ground Anchor Installations](#)

[Removal of Obsolete Community Planning and Development \(CPD\) Regulations](#)

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Adjustable Rate Mortgage Notification Requirements and Look-Back Period for FHA-Insured Single Family Mortgages](#)

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Handling Prepayments: Eliminating Post-Payment Interest Charges](#)

[Environmental Compliance Recordkeeping Requirements](#)

[Manufactured Housing Program Fee: Final Fee Increase](#)

[Removal of Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program Regulations](#)

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\) Multifamily Mortgage Insurance; Capturing Excess Bond Proceeds](#)

### Notices

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Prepayment of Section 202 or 202/8 Direct Loan Project](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Survey Questions for Small Contractor Marketplace](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Planning Phase Evaluation of the LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Closeout Instructions for Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Programs Grants](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS \(HOPWA\) Program: Annual Grantee Performance Reporting Requirements and Competitive/Renewal Grant Project Budget Summary](#)

[Implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; New System of Records Notice, Digital Identity Access Management System](#)

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless](#)

[Administrative Guidelines; Subsidy Layering Reviews for Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Housing Assistance Payments Contracts and Mixed-Finance Development](#)

[Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool: Solicitation of Comment-60-Day Notice Under Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HUD Stakeholder Survey](#)

[Promise Zones Initiative: Second Round Application Process](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Multifamily Housing Mortgage and Housing Assistance Restructuring Program \(Mark to Market\)](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Multifamily Contractor's/Mortgagor's Cost Breakdowns and Certifications](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Energy Evaluation of Public Housing Capital Fund \(PHCF\), Category 4, Option 2 Grantees](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Application for Displacement/Relocation/Temporary Relocation Assistance for Persons](#)

[Implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Notice of New System of Records-Application Submission and Processing System](#)

[Performance Review Board](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HOPE VI Public Housing Programs](#)

[60 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Office of Economic Resilience Progress Report Template](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Construction Complaint/Request for Financial Assistance](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Capital Needs Assessments-CNA e Tool](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application-Continuum of Care Registration](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Requirements for Single Family Mortgage Instruments](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: FHA-Insured Mortgage Loan Servicing of Delinquent, Default and Foreclosure With Service Members Act](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Congregate Housing Services Program](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Assessment System \(PHAS\) Appeals; PHAS Unaudited Financial Statement Submission Extensions; Assisted and Insured Housing Property Inspection Technical Reviews and Database Adjustments](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Choice Neighborhoods Evaluation, Phase II](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for FHA Insured Mortgages](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rent Reform Demonstration \(Task Order 1\)](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Budget-Based Rent Increases](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs and Quality Assurance Plans](#)

[Notice of Regulatory Waiver Requests Granted for the Second Quarter of Calendar Year 2014](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: "Logic Model" Grant Performance Reporting Standard Form](#)

[Proposed Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program and Other Programs Fiscal Year 2015-Corrected Schedule B Addendum](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Section 3 Business Self-Certification Application](#)

[60 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey](#)

[60 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: 2015 American Housing Survey](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Model Manufactured Home Installation Program Rules and Regulations](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certificate of Housing Counseling: Homeownership and Certificate of Housing Counseling: Home Retention](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Multifamily Insurance Benefits Claims Package](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\) and Improvement Plan \(IP\) in Connection With the Public Housing Assessment System \(PHAS\)](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Land Survey Report for Insured Multifamily Projects](#)

[Privacy Act; Notification of Amended Privacy Act System of Records, Privacy Act Request and Appeals Files](#)

For the complete listing, visit the [Federal Register](#).

#### **Funding Notices**

**DUE Oct. 30** – [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#)

**DUE Nov. 3** – [Appalachia Economic Development Initiative \(AEDI\)](#)

**DUE Mar. 15** – [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#)

## AROUND THE REGION, DELAWARE

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### Restoring Central Dover Initiative Moves Ahead

With a \$90,000 grant, HUD-approved housing counseling agency NCALL began a neighborhood planning process to improve Central Dover. The Restoring Central Dover initiative is led by NCALL and a Steering Committee comprised of community and city representatives. This neighborhood planning process is a forum for the Central Dover community to exchange ideas, to imagine—together—the future of Central Dover. In May, a Lookerman Street open house for residents was held to identify areas of improvement including crime, transportation, housing and expanding youth programming. Over the summer, the data was analyzed and working groups were convened to develop recommendations, action steps, timeframes, estimated costs and potential partners to address the areas of improvement identified by citizens. An implementation plan is expected to be completed by early fall. The plan will represent the community's vision for vitality, serving as a tool for local leadership to prioritize their goals and direct their efforts, increase resident involvement and, ultimately, implement positive change. Mayor Robin Christiansen has asked HUD to assist with the implementation plan. The strategies developed will be implemented over a 10-year period. Pictured here, Director Bynum expresses her vision for Dover—a desire for more affordable housing.



### Helping Delawareans Become Homeowners

The Diamond State Community Land Trust (CLT) is helping Delawareans become homeowners. Dan is a retired military veteran who spent most of his life overseas. When he came back to Delaware, he wanted a home that was located within walking distance to stores, and banks, and offered easy access to public transportation. Diamond State CLT had a home available in Dover, which fit his criteria—and his budget. He successfully purchased the home in April. Diamond State CLT used the City of Dover's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to make Dan's dream of homeownership a reality. HUD operates the program which provides grants to states, and local governments, for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties. That allows people like Dan to have an opportunity to become homeowners. NSP is a component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Photograph courtesy of Diamond State CLT.

### Ministry of Caring Breaks Ground for Sacred Heart Village II

On Aug. 11, Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent and Director Bynum joined U.S. Rep. John Carney and Delaware Governor Jack Markell, other elected officials and supporters as the Ministry of Caring broke ground at the construction site of Sacred Heart Village II. Once completed, Sacred Heart Village II, a \$7.1 million HUD Section 202 project, will offer 26 apartments for low-income seniors from Wilmington's East Side neighborhood. Specialized units will be reserved for people with disabilities. The new complex staff will enable the residents to age in place by providing assistance with transportation and activities to improve their quality of life. It will house a convenience store/café, recreational activities, a food program, off-street parking, security, and access to off-site grocery shopping, social outings, a hair salon, medical/dental services, and a fitness center. "Most seniors would like to age in place by either staying in their current home or choosing from a range of affordable, age-appropriate housing options within their community—where they have lived for many years, where their friends live, where they go to church—the place they call home," stated Regional Administrator Vincent in her remarks. She acknowledged the "process" for building the original Sacred Heart Village hadn't been an easy one, but certainly had been worthwhile. The original 77-unit Sacred Heart Village I on the West Side is filled to capacity and has a waiting list close to 100. Pictured left to right: Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent, Ministry of Caring Executive Director Brother Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap., and Philadelphia Multifamily Project Manager Cheryl Mazurkiewicz at the event. For additional photos, visit [flickr.com/hudopa](http://flickr.com/hudopa).





## DSHA Releases Delaware Housing Needs Assessment Report

On Sept. 8, Delaware Governor Jack Markell joined Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) for the release of the [Delaware Housing Needs Assessment 2015-2020](#). The report, prepared by GCR Incorporated of New Orleans, LA and The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) of Philadelphia, PA, will drive planning for housing resources at DSHA and in communities around the State. Affordable housing pressures have increased in recent years, with stresses on household incomes and increased demand for rental units both as a result of demographic changes and the foreclosure crisis. Statewide, 44,000 renters have housing challenges (paying more than 30% of their income for housing or living in overcrowded or deeply substandard living conditions), equal to 51% of renter households. Needs are most severe for those with very low incomes (50% of Area Median Income depending on location and household size; about \$25,000/year), where 18,400 households are severely cost burdened, paying more than 50% of their income for housing costs. Delaware has fared better than many of its neighbors in the recent recession and its economy remains strong for the region. Projected steady job growth will support household growth and subsequently new housing demand, although there remains some excess inventory in some areas.

### Events & Announcements

- **Oct. 7** – Delaware Governor’s Conference on Housing, Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Dover, DE. For information, visit <http://destatehousing.com/DirectorsOffice/events.php>.
- **Oct. 8, 9 to 11 a.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.** – Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention Workshop, Hockessin Community Center, 1304 Old Lancaster Pike, 2nd Floor, Hockessin, DE. For more info, please contact Shenise Ferrell at (302) 239-2363.
- **Oct. 11 or Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.(DCRAC) Financial Fitness Seminar, 601 North Church Street, Wilmington, DE. For more information, please contact DCRAC at (877) 825-0750.
- **Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** – Interfaith Community Housing, Inc. First Time Homebuyer Seminar, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, 850 Library Avenue, Suite 106, Newark, DE. For more information, please contact TuJuana Pierce or Tracy Spriggs at (302) 652-3991.
- **Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – YWCA Delaware First Time Home Buyers Seminar, 153 East Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE. To register, please call (302) 224-4060, ext. 200.
- **Oct. 13, 6 to 8 p.m.** – NCALL Research, Inc. Foreclosure Workshop, 363 Saulsbury Rd., Dover, DE 19904. Registration required, please contact Kim Weston at (302) 678-9400.
- **Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** – Delaware Financial Literacy Institute - The Money School From Purses to Portfolios Conference, Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington, DE. For more information, please visit [www.dfli.org](http://www.dfli.org) or call (302) 792-1200.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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### HUD’s Back-to-Work Program featured at Prince William County Event

First Home Alliance, a HUD approved housing counseling agency in Prince William County, hosted a lenders informational event to build awareness about FHA and Virginia Housing Development Authority’s (VHDA) new first-time home buyers and “second chance” home buying programs. Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc.’s Jan McNerney spoke about FHA’s new Back-to-Work program for borrowers who have experienced financial difficult and/or credit impairment resulting from unemployment or a severe reduction income. Once borrowers demonstrate that they have rebounded and attend housing counseling, they may be able to purchase a home without the usual three year waiting period. VHDA’s Community housing Officer José Páiz discussed the State of Virginia’s program such as “No Down Payment” mortgage programs, “low fixed-rate” loans and the new Virginia Individual Development Accounts Program (VIDA). The VIDA program helps eligible individuals or families to learn to manage their finances and triple their savings through a special savings account. For every dollar the family adds to savings, it is matched by two dollars by VIDA. The savings may be used for down payment for a home, starting a new business or saving for a college education. Pictured are Jan McNerney, First Home Alliances Executive Director Larry Laws, HUD’s Belinda Fadlelmola and José Páiz at the event.



## DC Housing Authority Breaks Ground on \$11M Capitol Quarter Building

The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) broke ground on the estimated \$11 million community building for the Capitol Quarter community, located on 5th Street between K and L streets in Southeast on Aug. 20. The LEED Gold facility is scheduled to be completed by November 2015. Some 475 community members participated in a survey acknowledging the surrounding neighborhood would benefit from a gym, day care center, multipurpose rooms of varying sizes and an indoor soft play area. Of those answering the survey, 86 percent reported living within a half mile of the building. One of the largest HOPE VI projects in the nation, Capitol Quarter is the result of DCHA leveraging a \$34.9 million grant in 2001 with public and private dollars for a total of more than \$581 million to create more than 1,700 rental and homeownership units, office and retail space and the community center. DCHA committed to rebuilding the 707 affordable units that were previously part of the now demolished Capper/Carrollsborg development. About 270 units remain to be built. The Capitol Quarter development is part of HUD's plan, said Director Turner in a DCHA issued press release. "We use housing as a platform to improve people's quality of life," he said. The new community building will help "individuals to become neighbors, and neighbors to become united." Pictured above are [DCHA](#) and D.C. officials as they break ground on the community building.



## Danish Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs Tour HUD Initiatives

HUD's District of Columbia Field Office and the Office for International and Philanthropic Engagement hosted officials from the Danish Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs the second week in September. Established after the last parliamentary elections in October 2011, the ministry is responsible for housing, including real property data administration, urban development in cities and the development of sparsely populated rural areas. Led by HUD's Associate Regional Counsel Russell Conlan, the delegation focused on large neighborhood redevelopment sites that leveraged public-private-partnerships, HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and innovative initiatives preventing and/or reducing segregation in cities. The District tour included the Washington Navy Yard redevelopment, Foundry Lofts and Capitol Quarter Townhomes. Minister Carsten Hansen and Danish Ambassador

H.E. Peter Taksøe-Jensen's four-day visit also included a briefing on HUD's Choice Neighborhoods and NSP with HUD Leadership at Headquarters and then subsequent tours with the East Baltimore Development, Inc. in Baltimore, MD, a tour of the Promise Zone in Philadelphia, PA and concluded with a tour and meetings on resilience initiatives in New York City, NY. District of Columbia Housing Authority Executive Director Adrienne Todman (center) joined Danish officials, Director Marvin Turner and Russ Conlan (far right) for the tour.

## HOC Connects Launched in Maryland

On June 30, the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County Maryland announced the launch of HOC Connects, a technology-access program designed to bring computer technology within the reach of low-income families. HOC has worked with CDW and Acer, Incorporated to design a robust, custom laptop available to HOC Connects participants at an affordable price point. Residents of the 94-unit Stewartown Homes Apartments in Gaithersburg will participate in the pilot program. The Laptop Purchase Program will be available to all residents in good standing with the agency as a tool to increase and improve their access to electronic resources and enhance upward mobility. The savings that HOC obtains by purchasing the laptops in bulk are passed on to the residents. Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Council President Craig Rice and Councilmember Nancy Navarro, HOC Chairman Roberto Pinero and Executive Stacy Spann joined Director Marvin Turner (pictured) in providing remarks.





**Regional Administrators Volunteer to Assist at Solar Installation in the District**  
 Earlier this month, prior to returning to their respective regions, several of HUD's Regional Administrators volunteered to assist at a solar installation event in Northeast D.C. The non-profit solar installer GRID Alternatives coordinated the installations with Habitat for Humanity on Habitat homes. After Secretary Julian Castro's kick-off remarks, the Regional Administrators were among many other federal employees and partners who volunteered throughout the day. Participants learned the basics of solar installation and then installed solar panels on the roof. Photo (left to right): Regional Administrators Jennifer Tidwell, Region 7, Antonio Riley, Region 5, Bill Block, Region 10, Jane Vincent, Region 3, Ophelia Basgal, Region 9 and Kristine Foye, Region 1 Deputy Regional Administrator.

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**Lt. Governor Brown, Federal, State and Local Officials Celebrate 40th Anniversary of Community Development Block Grant Program \$5.1 Million in FY2015 CDBG Awarded to Jurisdictions across Maryland**

On Aug. 14, Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown was joined by Berlin Mayor William G. "Gee" Williams, III, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Secretary Raymond A. Skinner, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Secretary Dominick Murray, Director Carol Payne and state and local officials from across Maryland in downtown Berlin to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Lt. Governor (pictured at podium) also announced \$5.1 million in FY2015 awards to 12 Maryland counties and municipalities through CDBG's States and Small Cities Program. Since its creation, Maryland has received over \$2.2 billion from the CDBG program, supporting virtually every community in the state. The CDBG Program is comprised of two parts. The Entitlement Program is managed by HUD and provides federal funds directly to larger, metropolitan counties and cities. The States and Small Cities Program provides federal funds to the states who then distribute funds to "non-entitlement" counties, small cities and towns. Administered by the DHCD in cooperation with DBED, Maryland's CDBG States and Small Cities Program has awarded \$61 million in funding since 2007 to communities throughout the state like the Town of Berlin. A Main Street Maryland community, Berlin will receive an FY2015 CDBG award of \$800,000 for stormwater improvements to eliminate flooding in the Hudson Branch area. CDBG grants have played a crucial role in over 30 years of Berlin's downtown revitalization efforts, which recently culminated in a nationwide internet vote naming Berlin, Maryland, 'America's Coolest Small Town' for 2014.



**Memorial Apartments Breaks Ground on Redevelopment**

Maryland Secretary of Housing and Community Development Ramond A. Skinner, City of Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul T. Graziano were joined by Director Carol Payne, Somerset Memorial Partners, HUD's Baltimore Field Office Multifamily team and community leaders to celebrate the revitalization of Memorial Apartments, a senior housing complex in the city's historic Bolton Hill. The \$54.6 million project will transform the aging high-rise into a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient building with 266 modern apartments for seniors. Designed so that seniors can live independently, the complex will feature a full complement of services near public transportation and just minutes from Baltimore's Inner Harbor. It will serve as a catalyst for further development in one of Baltimore's most iconic communities. Pictured left to right are Diana Talios, Commissioner Graziano, Bill Cole, Phil Gibbs, Secretary Skinner, Resident Association President John Burrows, Director Payne, Marjorie Richman; Mayor Rawlings-Blake, Connie Leeder and Project Developer Nancy Hooff.

### Elkton, Maryland: Preserving Rural Housing

A creative partnership in Elkton, Maryland has brought two separately owned and adjacent housing developments under common ownership to preserve affordable housing stock in this rural community and to allow more efficient and effective management of the properties. The Cottages at Chesapeake (pictured) and the Gardens at Chesapeake provide 98 housing units for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families. The project represents a creative approach to improving the operating performance of existing properties in a rural setting; it received the 2013 Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award in the Rural Housing category from the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Association. Visit HUD USER's [Case Studies](#) page to learn more about affordable housing preservation in Elkton and to view other promising examples of how communities across the nation are raising the bar on sustainable community development. Image courtesy of Homes for America.



### NAREB Holds 67th Annual Convention in Baltimore

In an inter-office collaboration, Field Policy and Management Analyst Teresa Stovall and Equal Opportunity Specialist Vonzell Cummings participated in the 67th National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. (NAREB) Annual Convention. NAREB, the oldest African-American trade association in the country, hosts the annual event to educate, provide networking opportunities and address the needs of minorities and others entering into the real estate profession. Nearly 300 attended the two-day event in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. HUD's Baltimore Field Office joined 30 exhibitors that included financial institutions; mortgage, insurance and real estate companies; and other governmental agencies. NAREB President and Baltimore resident Donnell Spivey joined Teresa and Von at HUD's booth.

### 100th Buyer Gets Federal Tax Credit From Maryland HomeCredit Program

The Maryland HomeCredit program reached an important milestone when the 100th homebuyer signed up for the initiative that allows eligible homebuyers to take a federal tax credit of up to \$2,000 per year for the life of their mortgage. Launched on June 1, the initiative is the state's newest initiative to help make homeownership more accessible for middle-income families. Eligible homebuyers who purchase a home before Dec. 15, 2015 can use the Maryland HomeCredit to claim 25 percent of the annual mortgage interest paid as a federal tax credit up to \$2,000 for every year the mortgage is outstanding and they live in the home. Eligible homebuyers must sign up at the time they close on their mortgage. There are fees associated and refinances are not eligible. The tax credit is particularly attractive for first-time homeowners when paired with the competitive rates and the up to \$5,000 in down payment assistance available through the Maryland Mortgage Program, the state's flagship mortgage purchase program. In addition, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Partner Match Programs may match any down payment assistance of up to \$2,500 offered by participating employers, builders and developers, and community organizations. A list of participating lenders and current interest rates are available via the Maryland Mortgage Program website at <http://mmp.maryland.gov>.

### Repurchase Program Helps Homeowners Rebound From Devastating Losses

A new Maryland program that helps financially troubled homeowners repurchase their homes at more affordable terms has helped them reduce their monthly payments by an average 38 percent, housing counselors learned during a recent training session at DHCD headquarters. Boston Community Capital Stabilizing Urban Neighborhoods (SUN) initiative is a partner in Maryland's Foreclosure Relief Home Repurchase program launched last fall. DHCD offers incentives to participating housing counselors and ensures that homeowners in the program receive both pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling. To read the complete press release about the training and learn more about the initiative, visit the [DHCD website](#).

### Events & Announcements

- **Oct. 16 through 18** – HUD Secretary Julián Castro will provide the keynote address at the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) annual event in Baltimore, MD. For information and to register, visit <http://www.nahro.org/2014-national-conference-exhibition>.

## PENNSYLVANIA – EASTERN REGION

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### Mid-Atlantic Directors Tour LGBT-friendly Senior Housing in Philadelphia

Region III's Field Office Directors had the opportunity to tour one of the first LGBT-friendly senior housing complexes in the nation during their recent meetings at the Philadelphia Regional Office. Named for John C. Anderson, who as a Philadelphia city councilman championed gay rights, the newly-opened six-story apartment building has 56-units serving low-income seniors.

Located in the heart of Center City Philadelphia, the John C. Anderson Apartments are in what is commonly referred to as the "Gayborhood," one of the first areas in the city where Lesbians and Gays were able to establish their community in an open and accepting environment. Over time this part of Center City has become trendy and expensive, making it more difficult for low-income seniors to remain in the neighborhood. In addition to offering the availability of high-quality senior housing, the complex has become a neighborhood hub providing intergenerational mentoring opportunities and special programs for residents through a partnership with the nearby William Way LGBT Community Center which offers social, educational and recreational and support services to the sexual and gender minority community. Region III Field Office Directors join representatives from Pennrose Properties, LLC, John C. Anderson Apartments and William Way LGBT Community Center for a photo on the roof of the new Center City complex.



### HUD PD&R Leadership Tour Promise Zone and Choice Neighborhoods

On Sept. 9, Region III hosted HUD Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Assistant Secretary Dr. Kathy O'Regan, General Deputy Assistance Secretary Jean Lin Pao and Deputy Assistant Secretary Kurt Usowski and City of Philadelphia Promise Zones lead Eva Gladstein for a tour of Philadelphia's Promise Zone and Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant during their visit to the Philadelphia Regional Office. The tour began with a stop at Paseo Verde, a next generation green community located in the North Central Philadelphia Choice Neighborhood. Paseo Verde is equipped with both green and blue roofs

which address storm water management issues by slowing the filtration of storm water, solar panels, and a sound barrier that fully mitigates the sounds of the adjacent train station. This environmentally responsible design allowed Paseo Verde to be the first Platinum LEED for Neighborhood Development project in the country. The 67-unit facility includes amenities such as ground-floor retail space including a locally owned pharmacy, community room, community garden and off-street parking. The mixed-income development is also a model for Transit Orientated Development, as it sits adjacent to the SEPTA Regional Rail Temple University Train Station. The development was a joint project of Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM) and Jonathan Rose Companies supported by Federal, State and City funding sources. Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent takes a time-out as she inspects Paseo Verde's unique roof.

### HUD Approves \$1.4 Million Loan Guarantee to Berks County

HUD announced a \$1.47 million loan guarantee to Berks County to finance the revitalization of the historic Colebrookdale Railroad, which runs between the boroughs of Boyertown and Pottstown in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The project is anticipated to create 42 full-time jobs. The Berks County Redevelopment Authority, in conjunction with the Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust and Eastern Berks Gateway Railroad, will make improvements on railroad boarding locations and restore historic passenger cars in order to rejuvenate the Colebrookdale Railroad. The county seeks to support economic development by initiating freight and passenger traffic along the 8.6 mile railroad line. HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program enables local governments to borrow money at reduced interest rates to promote economic development, stimulate job growth and improve public facilities. Such public investment is often needed to inspire private contributions to provide seed money or to simply raise confidence private firms and individuals may need to invest in distressed areas.



### PHA Implodes Queen Lane High-Rise

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) imploded the Queen Lane Apartments, a 16-story high-rise building in the historic Germantown neighborhood, on Sept. 13 at 7:15 a.m. The agency will replace the site with a 55-unit development that will be a mix of low-rise flats, walkups, and townhouses in character with the neighborhood. The redevelopment of the Queen Lane site has been almost four years in the making. PHA's initial development plans were announced in 2010 and were postponed after local residents raised concerns about a Potter's Field, a historical burial ground dating back to the 1700s. Consulting parties led by the HUD, which included PHA, residents, and historical preservation agencies,

collaborated to address the concerns. After the completion of an archaeological dig and extensive community engagement, PHA signed a Programmatic Agreement with HUD, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in February 2014. The agreement governs the way the site will be redeveloped in regards to the Potter's Field, as identified through archaeological findings. To date, no human remains have been found on the site. The agency formally began preparing neighborhood residents for the demolition with a series of four community meetings that began in early August. With the demolition of Queen Lane, PHA will have eight high-rise sites remaining with 16 high-rises containing 1,880 units. For more details and to see a video of the implosion, go to [PHA's website](#).

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### Events & Announcements

- **Oct. 14 through 16** – HUD Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Training Workshop - Understanding the 2013 HOME Final Rule, Philadelphia Regional Office. The workshops are intended: to orient participants to important changes in the 2013 HOME Final Rule; to provide detailed information about the Rule's CHDO-specific provisions; to help CHDOs and their PJ partners develop strategies to build and demonstrate the capacity needed to maintain CHDO status and receive HOME CHDO set-aside funds. Pre-registration for this training is required. [Registration](#) is open.

## PENNSYLVANIA – WESTERN REGION

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### Rapid Results Homeless Veterans Boot Camp: 100 Day Action Plan Set In Motion

With the goal of creating a housing placement engine that would put Pittsburgh on pace to end homelessness for all veterans by Dec. 31, 2015, an interactive "Boot Camp" was held at the H.J. Heinz Campus of the Veterans Affairs (VA) Pittsburgh Healthcare System on Aug. 8. Utilizing a template crafted by 100,000 Homes and the Rapid Results Institute, the Pittsburgh "Boot Camp" crafted a common acceleration goal emphasizing collective impact opportunities for community stakeholders. HUD and VA staff joined Continuum of Care partners, public housing officials, city officials and numerous veteran-serving agencies in the quest to address four critical strategy areas: Housing First, use of mainstream resources, targeting and prioritization, and data driven decision making. The outcome was the establishment of a clearly defined goal: To house 135 homeless veterans, 35 percent of which are chronically homeless, within 100 days. So, the countdown begins—the challenge is one worth making! Director Jane Miller (pictured right) listens as Mike Rosell of Soldier On discusses the SSVF funding stream for homeless veterans and their families.



## **HUD and Other Federal Agencies Partner with Hispanic & Latino Student Leaders to Advance Job Search Skill Set The Hispanic Employment Program Committee of the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board Reaches Out to College Students**

HUD staff led the development of a Student Success and Empowerment Curriculum designed for college students attending the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University and Carnegie Mellon University. This four-week interactive educational series was open to college students eager to learn about federal internships and job opportunities. Classes were held at Duquesne University and involved participation by the following federal agencies: HUD, Office of Personnel Management, FBI, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Center for Disease Control and Dept. of Justice. This past spring, college students learned about internships, fellowships and the Pathway Program from federal subject matter experts. A federal career panel discussed how they launched their careers, while OPM staff instructed students on the use of usajobs.gov. Other instruction and practice centered on resume writing skills and dynamic interview role plays. This “success and empowerment” federal and community partnership included aggressive participation of Student Union leaders who conducted outreach on three college campuses and linked interested students to this four week innovative career preparation and readiness series.

### **Orchard Park Groundbreaking**

**Revitalization (noun): To give new life to.**

Progress in any construction project begins with that first shovel full of dirt, but revitalization efforts often start with an innovative development dream capitalizing on all that is possible and necessary for a community to thrive and advance. The City of Duquesne is eager to welcome 44 new affordable housing units into their neighborhood. The Allegheny County Housing Authority (ACHA) and Falbo/Pennrose developed the options with funding from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, \$11,67,202; Allegheny County Economic Development HOME Program, \$750,000; HUD Capital Fund Program, \$5,353,211 and State of Pennsylvania Economic Development, \$500,000. Orchard Park is the new construction of 22 residential buildings and a community service facility on a former public housing development site. These residential buildings include a mix of singles, duplexes and triplexes; totaling 44 new affordable homes. The community service facility will house an early learning program, adult learning program, central laundry area, management office and a large community room. Construction begins in August 2014. The City of Duquesne and its residents are eagerly anticipating the completion of these affordable units targeted for September 2015. Pictured left to right: PHFA Board Chair Howard Slaughter Jr., ACHA Executive Director Frank Aggazio, HUD Pittsburgh Office of Public Housing Jacqueline Molinaro-Thompson, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, ACGA Vice Chairman Austin Davis, PHFA CEO Brian Hudson and Ralph A. Falbo, Inc. CEO and Chairman Michael Polite.



### **Events & Announcements**

- **Oct. 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Stand Down Pittsburgh, Shepherd's Heart Fellowship, 13 Pride Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. For information call (412) 481-8200 or email [info@vlpwpa.org](mailto:info@vlpwpa.org).
- **Oct. 8, 4 to 7 p.m.** – McKean County Blight to Bright and Rural Land Banking Summit, Courtyard Restaurant 505 W. Main Street, Smethport, PA 16749-1183. Hosted by the Redevelopment Authority of McKean County and the Housing Alliance of PA. [Register](#) here.
- **Oct. 9, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** – Erie Blight to Bright and Conservatorship Training, Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507. Hosted by the Erie Neighborhood Growth Partnership and the Housing Alliance of PA. Funding generously provided by the Erie Nonprofit Partnership. [Register](#) here.
- **Oct. 10, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** – Mercer County Land Bank and Blight Summit, Mercer County Convention and Visitors Center, 50 N. Water Street, Sharon, PA 16146. Sponsored by Greenville Savings Bank, Huntington Bank and State Representative Mark Longietti. [Register](#) here.
- **Oct. 14 through 16**, The Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association WIB Symposium, The Penn Stater, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, 16803. Join leaders from the workforce development, education, business and economic development communities for a meeting of the minds. In addition to plenary sessions and breakouts, an optional Industry Partnership Roundtable is scheduled for the afternoon of Oct. 14. [Register Now](#). Contact The Penn Stater at (800) 233-7505 and mention PAWJ14A to receive the PWDA room rate,
- **Oct. 16 & 17** – PAHMA Fall Conference at the Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA. For information, visit [pahma.org](http://pahma.org).
- **Oct. 18** – Lawrence County's Fourth Annual Veterans Stand Down (Health Screenings and Resource Fair), Ben Franklin Learning Center, New Castle, PA 16101. For more information call (724) 658-7258, ext. 1414.



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**Virginia Moves to End Veteran Homelessness by the End of 2015  
Communities across the state engage in the 100 Day Challenge to house veterans experiencing homelessness**

On Sept. 24, Virginia marked the kickoff of the statewide 100 Day Challenge to house veterans experiencing homelessness. On any given night, 617 veterans in Virginia are homeless based on the 2014 Point-In-Time Count, a survey of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons.

Understanding the gravity of this situation, Governor Terry McAuliffe and mayors from Alexandria, Hampton, Richmond, Petersburg, Salem, Roanoke, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News signed the Mayors Challenge. The initiative is designed to encourage community leaders to collaborate on strategies targeting veteran homelessness.

This 100 Day Challenge is a step toward ending veteran homelessness by the end of December 2015. It follows a two-day Boot Camp in which community partners from Roanoke, Richmond and Hampton Roads teamed up to create local goals based on unique challenges that each community is experiencing in housing veterans faster. The initiative was sponsored by the Governor's Homeless Coordinating Council, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, and the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness. The National League of Cities also has been an active partner in encouraging local leader participation in the Challenge. Group leadership for the initiative (shown right to left) are Liz Osbourne (USICH), Phyllis Chamberlain (VCEH), Elisha Harig-Blaine (National League of Cities), Matt Leslie (DVS/VWWP), Brandi Jancaitis (DVS/VWWP), Jeff Doyle (VISN 6) and Laura Zeilinger (USICH).

The Hampton Roads, Roanoke and Richmond metro area communities, in partnership with the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, have rigorously evaluated their current systems and created a plan to efficiently house as many veterans as they can in the next 100 days. Through this effort, they will also be eliminating the duplication of processes, challenging groups to look at this issue in a new way, and moving veterans into housing first while connecting them to services more quickly. This collaboration of local, state and federal efforts is a pivotal movement that will push Virginia closer to becoming the first state to reach the federal goal of ending veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. These local communities are searching to create partnerships with individuals, organizations and landlords who want to contribute to the lives of the men and women who have protected our freedom. See the [press release](#) for additional details.

**Congratulations!**

The **National Governor's Association (NGA)** announced that Virginia received a **\$170,000 grant** to help increase the Commonwealth's attainment levels of STEM-H (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Health) credentials. Funding will support industry certifications, apprenticeship credentials and degrees most needed by Virginia's current and emerging businesses and industries. Virginia will also be one of 14 states to participate in an 18-month national policy academy aimed at better aligning education and workforce training to economic development priorities.

Governor Terry McAuliffe announced the recipients of the [Governor's Public Service Awards](#) at an Executive Mansion ceremony on Sept. 4. Seven state employees were recognized for their exemplary service and dedication to the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Members of the Homeless and Special Needs Housing Office in the Department of Housing and Community Development received the "teamwork" award for their efforts in transforming the way that homeless services are delivered in the Commonwealth.** The team has guided providers and communities through local changes in the system, which has moved from being shelter-based to community-based with rapid re-housing. Last year, homelessness in Virginia dropped 7.9 percent overall as well as 10.8 percent for families and 14 percent for veterans.

**Don't Be Sorry—Be Ready!**

September is the 11th annual National Preparedness Month. This month's theme, "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare" to support coordination with America's PrepareAthon!, a new national campaign from Federal Emergency Management Agency for action to increase individual and community preparedness and resilience. National Preparedness Month's mission is to help individuals, families and communities stay informed, make a plan and get involved locally. People can visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov) and [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) to find emergency preparedness resources including a family



emergency plan and a guide on building emergency kits. National Preparedness Month ends up Sept. 30 with National PrepareAthon! Day, a national call to action for individuals and organizations to join with others in the country to take important steps to prepare for local hazards. The free Ready Virginia mobile application that helps people prepare for emergencies and stay informed during disasters was demonstrated to President Barack Obama on May 30. The President's annual briefing was held at FEMA headquarters and included three presentations on innovative apps that reach people with critical emergency information. The 2014 Hurricane season is at its peak now, and we've been pretty lucky so far, but it extends through Nov. 30, so the free app might be a handy thing to have. It can be downloaded here.

### Events & Announcements

- **Oct. 16 (at 10:16 am)** is the [Great Southeast Shakeout](#) earthquake drill. It's a good time to practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On!" To register a family or group to participate in the "Shakeout," click [here](#).
- **Oct. 29 through 31** – 2014 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference (VAGHC), Norfolk, VA. The Governor's Housing Conference is Virginia's largest and most comprehensive affordable housing event of the year. Registration is still open. To register, visit <http://www.vagovernorshousingconference.com/>.
- **Nov. 4 through 6** – Building HOME Trainings, HUD Richmond Field Office. HUD is pleased to announce additional class deliveries for a series of 2.5-day Building HOME classes. This course will provide an overview of the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and a comprehensive introduction of the 2013 HOME Final Rule. Participants will become familiar with all program activities, including homeowner and homebuyer, rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, CHDO activities. This training is intended for HOME Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) staff and as space permits, subrecipients, state recipients and consortium members. [Register Now](#).
- **Nov. 11 through 13** – Mid-Atlantic Affordable Housing Management Association, Richmond, VA. For more information and to register, visit <http://mid-atlantichma.org/>.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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### West Virginia Housing Conference "What is Home West Virginia?" Collaborative a Success

Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority hosted the West Virginia Housing Conference in Charleston on September 3-5. The collaboration of West Virginia agencies working together in affordable housing and service programs attracted over 300 attendees with more than 60 training sessions. The event objectives included:

- Assessing the changing landscape of housing in West Virginia, collectively understand our current housing needs across the state, and sharing new ideas to meet the housing demands;
- Acknowledging the importance of networking with housing providers across traditional agency resources;
- Planning for the housing needs of the growing elderly and disabled population of our state;
- Preparing for a whole new generation of renters and homeowners that need access to financial counseling and management tools;
- Acknowledging that housing is becoming increasingly recognized as a critical component of economic development, and that needs to be incorporated in planning at the local and state level.

Former HUD Secretary and City View Bipartisan Policy Commission Co-Chair Henry Cisneros opened the event that featured speakers including Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent, City of Charleston Mayor Danny Jones, WV Housing Development Fund Executive Director Erica Boggess, West Virginia Speaker of the House Timothy Miley, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh Chief Operating Officer Kristina K. Williams, Habitat for Humanity International's Elizabeth Gehl and Housing Assistance Council Executive Director Moises Losa. HUD Senior Management Analyst Evie Williams is shown manning the department's booth at the event. To view more photos of the event, visit [www.facebook.com/CKHAWV](http://www.facebook.com/CKHAWV).



## Kanawha County Schools needs AmeriCorps Volunteers for Dropout Prevention in Middle Schools

AmeriCorps members serve their communities in ways that address disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. They also recruit volunteers to enhance their effectiveness. Here in West Virginia, nearly 800 members of all ages and backgrounds are serving each year to meet some of the most critical needs in the state, including tutoring and mentoring children. If you are willing to dedicate ten months of your life (September through June) to service and use your unique talents to improve your community, we need you! You'll volunteer approximately 25 hours per week (900 hours total) providing mentoring services to students and in-turn, you'll earn \$6,050 living allowance payment. Living allowance is not considered a wage and candidates are still eligible for federal assistance. You'll also earn \$2,822 education award to pay for college or repay Federal students loans. Candidates 55 or older can grant the education award to their child or grandchild. Please contact [lmaynus@mail.kana.k12.wv.us](mailto:lmaynus@mail.kana.k12.wv.us) for questions.

### Events & Announcements

- **Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – World Habitat Day 2014, Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat for Humanity of West Virginia, and representatives of West Virginia Affiliates will come together for the first annual Capital Build raising the walls for a new Habitat home will rise up over the grounds of the West Virginia State Capitol. All are invited to leave their impression on this home as we remember folks that are still living in a place with no running water, poor sewage treatment, leaking roofs, or no relief from the hot or cold. In 1986 the United Nations established "World Habitat Day" as a time to reflect on the housing conditions across the world. It is estimated that over 30% of the world population lives in poor inadequate housing. Contact Lynn Corrie today for more information [lcourie@habitatwv.org](mailto:lcourie@habitatwv.org).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Ongoing Opportunities:

- The U.S. Department of Labor is accepting applications for "[Stand Down](#)" grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program.
- [Wells Fargo Homeownership](#) grant program to help local nonprofit housing organizations create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate-income people.
- The Surdna Foundation offers funding to nonprofit organizations that seek to help communities build wealth in a sustainable manner. Letters of Inquiry are accepted year around. For more information, click [here](#).
- Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for funding for its [Advancing the Effectiveness and Resilience of Multi-Service Organizations](#) grant program.
- Kresge Foundation is accepting applications for funding for its [Healthy Environments](#) grant program.
- [The Coca Cola Foundation](#) offers grants to support programs that focus on: water stewardship; healthy and active lifestyles that lead to physical activity and nutritional education programs; community recycling; and education.
- The [Macy's Foundation](#) provides grants to organizations that are focused on women's issues.

### Upcoming deadlines:

- **Nov. 3** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Commerce solicitation for [Regional Innovation Grants](#) under the 2014 Regional Innovation Strategies program. Up to \$15 million is available to support multiple grants across the three separate grant types intended to help develop regional innovation, prosperity and job creation. Read more [here](#).
- **Dec. 31** – Applications are due for the [U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development](#) program. Eligible lenders may qualify for up to \$150 million in Section 538 loan guarantees to finance the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of rural rental housing. Since 2009, USDA loan guarantees have provided 16,000 housing units to rural families.

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