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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR



In Quest of Healthier Homes for Families

As she prepares to bake each birthday cake each year, Tameka Witherspoon has another great recipe she always follows. She makes an appointment to take each one of her children for their annual health check-up. So as she had the year before, Tameka scheduled her 2-year-old toddler, Dallas, for her routine visit to see her doctor and have her blood work done.

Nothing could have prepared her for what transpired after that check-up. First, there was a call from the health department which set her into a panic. She wondered what she had done wrong. Then when her pediatrician told her that Dallas' blood had a lead level of 32 micrograms per deciliter she reacted as any parent would. "I was shocked, I didn't

know what to say," she said. "I was angry, I was mad. I wanted to cry. I just wanted to go hold her and just tell her, 'mommy's here.'" Like many parents, Tameka never knew anything about the dangers of lead poisoning. She quickly learned that children can suffer brain damage with blood levels as low as 5.

When her apartment was screened, a team from the Baltimore County Health Department and the Maryland Department of the Environment found high levels of lead throughout. "They found very high levels of lead throughout my whole apartment," Witherspoon said. "The radiators, the windowsills, door frames, walls. Coming into my apartment on the outside, there was like flaky paint, and that was very high, that was the highest level right there." Even though lead paint was banned for sale in Baltimore in 1950 and nationwide in 1978, many older homes still contain it. Some 3,200 children in Maryland are poisoned by lead each year—more than 500,000 nationwide—numbers that state and local officials are trying to turn around.

Many of those advocates joined U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro on Aug. 25 as he traveled to Baltimore to announce a nearly \$4 million grant to protect Baltimore's children from lead-based paint and other safety risks found in their homes. Secretary Castro, second from left, is joined by U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD) to his left and Tameka, City of Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Green and Healthy Homes Initiative President and CEO Ruth Ann Norton for this photo immediately before the event.



The investment will eliminate lead hazards for 230 of the city’s most vulnerable families, and allow HUD’s partners to inspect more than 300 households for dangerous health risks. The award is part of a national campaign that offers 14 local and state agencies with almost \$49 million to combat lead-poisoning and household hazards such as carbon monoxide, mold and radon.

“A stable home lays the foundation for our health, our happiness, and our future success,” said Secretary Castro, pictured center with Ruth Ann Norton and me walking into the event. “Today’s announcement will help parents and children spend more time at the workplace and in the classroom—and less time in a

doctor’s waiting room. Our work is about expanding opportunity for the next generation. That’s why I’m also excited about the debut of a new 21st century tool—the Green and Healthy Home Initiative’s ‘My Healthy Home Mobile-App.’ This App will empower residents to identify safety hazards found in their homes, and connect them with the resources they need to remove these risks to their families.”

"What we are highlighting today is that investments in healthy housing work," said Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) President and CEO Ruth Ann Norton. "By improving energy efficiency, addressing environmental health factors that exacerbate asthma and fixing hazards like lead paint, we improve grade-level reading scores, reduce school absences, increase a parent's ability to get to work and lower housing costs. These investments in proven healthy, safe and energy-efficient housing interventions simply work. And we have the data to prove that." Norton noted that GHHI's housing interventions have lowered hospitalizations by more than 65 percent while improving school attendance by 62 percent.

Available in October, GHHI’s new smartphone tool, the "My Healthy Home" app, teaches families how to identify hazards in the home that may make them sick. During a brief quiz, the app asks users to find signs of health threats like mold, pests, chipped paint or standing water. The app helps families develop a custom roadmap to eliminate risks and offers helpful do-it-yourself tips for simple fixes. For more challenging repairs, the app prompts users to contact GHHI for assistance.

“We do everything that we can to make sure that another mother like Tameka doesn’t have to tell that story,” said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Tameka is taking her own steps to ensure other parents know how to protect their children. She is an active participant in Maryland’s Lead Poisoning Prevent Commission, telling her story at community meetings and events and through newspaper reporting. “I don’t want another parent, another child, another family to experience what we have,” she said. “It really has changed my whole family life.”

The good news is that today, three years after her diagnosis, Tameka’s daughter Dallas is doing much better health wise. With extensive treatment, eliminating the environmental issues and providing a healthy balanced diet and multivitamins can help minimize lead absorption. "Because of this, we actually eat healthier," she said. "You have to have everything fresh. Fresh veggies, fresh fruit. Everything has to be baked, grilled or broiled. You can't have fried foods." But she cautioned, it all begins with a simple blood test. “You have to get the blood work done, or you may never know there’s an issue,” she added.

Region III’s 50 in 50 Launches Sept. 1

Beginning Sept. 1 in honor of HUD’s 50th Anniversary, we are launching our own special celebration. We’re planning to profile “50 in 50” individuals including team members, stakeholders, partners and clients who “live” HUD’s mission, vision and values. We’re also planning to profile Mid-Atlantic region projects, programs and events that tie-in with HUD’s role as the Department of Opportunity. We’re hoping to include one profile or story on each of our “Around the Region” newsletter pages as well as on our website. Got stories? Please send over your ideas to the Region III HUDLine News editor or the associate editor for your state or the District. We’re looking forward to sharing more great stories—like Tameka’s.



Jane C.W. Vincent
Region III Regional Administrator

NEWS YOU CAN USE

HUD unveiled the HUD Resource Locator—an innovative mobile app and website to further expand and enhance traditional HUD customer service. The resource locator will offer real-time HUD housing information at the fingertips of people looking to quickly connect with building managers, public housing authority representatives, and property management companies to inquire about housing availability and other housing-related questions. Using GIS technology to pinpoint where resources are located, the app allows smartphone or tablet users to get relevant contact information. For example, the new app can be used during a disaster when families need to find housing, or when social service providers are helping persons experiencing homelessness look for available housing assistance. In an era where people are increasingly using smartphones to find information, the HUD resource locator app and mobile site provides an easy tool for anyone to use to find housing resources. The resource locator, which uses housing data from HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is available via [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play Marketplace](#) and also on your browser at resources.hud.gov.

On Aug. 20, HUD released [the final rule](#) that **clarifies the portability regulations and requirements in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program** and helps improve the processing of portability requests. Portability refers to a feature of the HCV program that allows an eligible family with a housing choice voucher to use that voucher to lease a unit anywhere in the United States where there is a public housing agency (PHA) operating an HCV program. The new Portability Rule will help increase administrative efficiencies by eliminating confusing and obscure regulatory language, and balancing the needs of PHA's while increasing family choice. HUD originally published the proposed rule in the [Federal Register on Mar. 28, 2012](#). Following a public comment process, publication of the final portability rule concludes the rulemaking process. It is expected that the clarity afforded by this final rule will improve the portability process, and that the rule will allow families to more easily search for and lease a rental unit in their desired location.

Grant, Funding & Award Announcements

On Aug. 25, in an effort **to protect children and families from the hazards of lead-based paint and other health hazards and safety hazards, HUD awarded more than \$48 million in Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants** to 14 local and state government agencies. In Baltimore, Md., [HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced the funding during a news conference](#) with Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. The City of Baltimore received a \$3.7 million dollar grant. The grant funding will reduce the number of lead-poisoned children and protect families by targeting health hazards in nearly 3,200 low-income homes with significant lead and/or other home health and safety hazards. The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant program has a demonstrated history of success, filling critical needs in urban communities where no other resources exist to address substandard housing built before 1940 that threatens the health of the most vulnerable residents. Elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania's cities of Harrisburg and Philadelphia also received awards. Two days later, **HUD announced an additional \$49 million, including a \$3.2 million grant to Lawrence County, Pa., in Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program grants.**

To help prevent victims of domestic violence living with HIV/AIDS from falling into homelessness, HUD is making more than \$9 million available to state, local governments and non-profits through the VAWA/HOPWA Project Demonstration—a collaborative effort between HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH) and the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). More than half of women living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. do not have access to stable housing and are at higher risk of experiencing domestic violence. Read HUD's [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#). Proposals are due Oct. 23. Through this demonstration program, HUD will provide funding for transitional and other temporary rental housing assistance and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

The third and final round of the Promise Zones competition will open in the fall of 2015. Through Sept. 28, **public comments will be accepted on the proposed selection process, criteria and submissions for the Third Round of the Promise Zone Initiative.** This is an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions on how the Administration can better support communities to jumpstart economic development, job creation, affordable housing, education, and public safety. Read the [Federal Register Notice](#). The draft Third Round Urban Application Guide and the draft Third Round Rural and Tribal Application Guide are available on the [Promise Zones website](#).

Other Announcements

HUD and the American Planning Association (APA) are pleased to announce the 19th annual [HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award](#). Part of APA's 2016 National Planning Awards, **the award recognizes excellence in planning that has led to measurable improvements in employment, education, and/or housing choice outcomes for low- and moderate-income**

residents, with an emphasis on innovation and transferability. Entries will be accepted until Sept. 11 through online submission at the [APA website](#). The award will be presented at APA's National Planning Conference to be held in April, 2016 in Phoenix, Ar.

As part of the White House's National Clean Energy Summit on Aug. 24, the Obama Administration and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced its intent to issue a [set of guidelines supporting borrowers seeking to make energy efficient improvements to their homes](#). In the announcement, FHA expressed the intent to allow borrowers to use Single Family FHA financing for properties with existing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loans that meet certain conditions. PACE allows homeowners to benefit from the improvements immediately and spread the cost over time. When the property is sold, the PACE loan remains with the property and the next owner is responsible for repaying the loan.

On Aug. 20, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the Rockefeller Foundation, and [Cities of Service](#) announced the 10 cities selected to pilot [Resilience AmeriCorps](#) including Norfolk, Va. and Pittsburgh, Pa. The selection of these cities comes after the initiative was originally announced on July 9 in response to recommendations from President Obama's State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. **The [10 Resilience AmeriCorps cities](#) will receive \$25,000 and AmeriCorps VISTA members to increase civic engagement and community resilience in low-income areas and help local leaders as they plan for and address the impact of extreme weather events.** Each city was evaluated and selected for local vulnerability to climate-related risk, demonstrated commitment or efforts to improve environmental resilience, and the community's capacity to host and implement Resilience AmeriCorps members in their cities.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced that it is **extending the feedback period** for the draft [Claims and Disposition](#) section of the **Single Family Housing Policy Handbook (SF Handbook) through Oct. 5**. The original deadline for providing feedback was Sept. 4. FHA is extending the period to allow stakeholders additional time to provide feedback. The *Claims and Disposition* section content and supporting information is posted on a special [SF Draft Handbook: Claims and Disposition](#) page accessible from FHA's [Single Family Housing's Policy Drafting Table](#) web page.

The FHA published its **Doing Business with FHA—Other Participants in FHA Transactions and Quality Control, Oversight and Compliance—Other Participants in FHA Transactions** subsections of the [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook](#) (SF Handbook; HUD Handbook 4000.1). These published sections cover the eligibility, approval, and recertification requirements, as well as the quality control, monitoring, and enforcement policies for the following stakeholders in FHA transactions: 203(k) Consultants; Direct Endorsement (DE) Underwriters; and Nonprofits and Governmental Entities. At publishing, the Other Participants sections were incorporated into their respective Doing Business with FHA and Quality Control, Oversight and Compliance SF Handbook sections. These newly published sections—which are available both online and in portable document format (PDF) on [HUD's Client Information Policy Systems \(HUDCLIPS\)](#) web page—are part of the series of SF Handbook updates and additions that continue FHA's progress toward a single, authoritative source of Single Family Housing policy. The policies for 203 (k) Consultants and DE Underwriters subsections become effective on or after Mar. 14, 2016. Policies for Nonprofits and Governmental Entities become effective on Mar. 14, 2016.

On Aug. 18, the **FHA made its Supplemental Performance Metric score available to FHA-approved mortgagees through its Neighborhood Watch Early Warning System**. The Supplemental Performance Metric compares mortgagee performance to a targeted risk mix and default rate, weighting defaults within three different credit bands. Part of FHA's Quality Assurance Framework in its Blueprint for Access strategy, the Supplemental Performance Metric provides a more transparent picture and a broader analysis of a mortgagee's performance on their FHA-insured book of business. Additional information about the Supplemental Performance Metric and how FHA calculates the metric can be found in the Supplemental Performance Metric [fact sheet](#) posted today on the [Lender Performance](#) web page on HUD.gov.

Publications, Studies, Training & Resources

On Sept. 3 beginning at 2 p.m., HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development will **host a Rural Gateway Peer-to-Peer conference call, *The State of Infrastructure in Rural America: A Discussion of Best Practices***, to explore programs available through the U.S. Department of Transportation and President Barack Obama's government-wide initiative called the Build America Investment Initiative. The purpose is to increase infrastructure investment and economic growth by engaging with state and local governments and private sector investors to encourage collaboration, expand the market for public-private partnerships and put federal credit programs to greater use. Starting with the transportation sector, this initiative will harness the potential of private capital to complement government funding. Please RSVP by email to rhed@hud.gov by close of business on Sept. 1. For questions, call 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526). Call-in instructions and additional materials will be emailed to participants on Sept. 2. The 60-minute call will include presentations and a question and answer session.

HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs is hosting series of **local preservation clinics for Section 236 (both FHA-insured and Housing Finance Agency-issued) and Section 202 Direct Loan property owners and their partners**. These intensive, one-day trainings will offer participants guidance on the steps to take to preserve the affordability, structural integrity, and financial viability of their properties. Interactive workshops will help owners understand and evaluate their financing, recapitalization, and rental assistance options. Owners will have the opportunity to participate in small groups with HUD staff and preservation experts to discuss specific options and strategies for their properties. A presentation from HUD about recent Multifamily Housing policy changes and updates will also be featured. Priority will be given to owners in Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia for the day-long session in New York, N.Y. on Sept. 9. For more information and [to register](#), visit HUDEXchange.gov.

Rapid re-housing for youth (defined as less than 25 years of age) is an evolving model that can be implemented using the Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing component under HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. HUD has profiled four [Rapid Re-housing Models for Homeless Youth](#) that use a variety of funding sources (HUD, HHS, private and foundation funding, etc.). Each profile highlights replicable promising practices for: rapidly moving youth into permanent housing; offering short- to medium-term financial assistance; and providing developmentally appropriate case management and services. This information, contributed by representatives from each profiled program, highlights what is working for these programs and furthers an important dialogue on ending youth homelessness.

The latest issue of Policy Development & Research's online magazine, *The Edge*, provides insight on how the federal government has been [working to end homelessness among youth by 2020](#), but **is challenged by limited information on how many youth face homelessness and which interventions are most effective**. Director of PD&R's Policy Development Division Marge F. Martin highlights the congressional testimony of a panel of experts including Cyndi Lauper on progress in ending youth homelessness.

This [Letter to Executive Directors of Public Housing Agencies](#) (PHAs) **provides guidance on HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Extraordinary Administrative Fees (EAF) funding for fiscal year 2015**. The guidance provides additional examples of eligible uses of the funds and includes a sample budget request form to simplify the process for PHAs. HUD strongly encourages PHAs to consider applying for these funds and to implement varied, innovative strategies to end homelessness amongst veterans. Eligible activities could include providing housing search and assistance, landlord engagement activities, and holding extra briefings for HUD-VASH clients. For more information about PHA and CoC partnerships, see [Resources for CoC and PHA Collaboration to End Homelessness](#).

USICH, HUD, the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the Butler Family Fund have released [Partnerships for Opening Doors](#), a new report that reflects the combined knowledge of the 11 communities, national organizations and Federal partners who participated in the Partnerships for Opening Doors Summit. The [report highlights strong examples of ways communities can integrate employment and housing strategies to end homelessness](#) and provides and recommendations for how the Federal government can better support local work.

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness recently released [Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments, Advancing the Dialogue](#). This document summarizes discussions held across the country with advocates, housing and services providers, and government officials regarding what they've learned, and are still learning, about **the most effective approaches and strategies to working with people in encampments**.

HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Cross-Program Funding Matrix and Dashboard Reports provide funding information for each city and state that receive CPD program funds. The reports detail the size of each grant received over the past several years, as well as the total amount of funds currently available to be spent on affordable housing and community and economic development activities. To access the reports please visit the [CPD Cross-Program Funding Matrix and Dashboard Reports page](#).

The [HOME Deadline Compliance Status Reports](#), [HOME Expiring Funds Reports](#), [HOME Participating Jurisdictions Vacant Units Reports](#), [HOME Participating Jurisdictions Open Activities Reports](#), [2012/2013 HOME Activities Reports](#), [2012/2013 HOME Homebuyer Activities Reports](#), [HOME HUD Initiated Activity Cancellation Reports](#), [HOME National Production Reports](#) and [HOME Expiring Funds Reports](#) are now posted on the HUD Exchange. You may also access them from the [HOME Program Resource Page](#) under "HOME Reports."

HUD has published new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) for the **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** and a revised [FAQ](#) for National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program. The new HOME FAQs address questions regarding [Income determinations](#) (passbook savings rate) and [Community Land Trusts](#) (fees) The updated HTF FAQ addresses a question regarding [Citizen participation requirements](#) (HTF allocation plans) If you have a question that is not answered by the existing FAQs, please [contact your local HUD Field Office](#).

Enterprise Community Partners Inc. (Enterprise), a national organization that creates and advocates for affordable housing in thriving communities, and HUD **created a national emergency preparedness staffing toolkit for multifamily housing**. Enterprise and HUD developed [Ready to Respond: Disaster Staffing Toolkit](#) to help affordable housing organizations build emergency plans that promote business continuity, resident engagement and building protection. The toolkit is the first of its kind dedicated to multifamily housing emergency planning and will be disseminated across the U.S. The Ready to Respond: Disaster Staffing Toolkit incorporates videos, guides, worksheets and checklists to help housing organizations assign staff to disaster response roles, engage in vital planning tasks, test the strength of their plan with a simulated disaster scenario and perform ongoing maintenance.

Understanding **why some HUD-assisted housing properties leave the affordable market** is important to HUD. [A recently released study](#), *Opting In, Opting Out a Decade Later*, updating a 2006 report examines how affordable housing retention patterns and trends have changed and whether certain characteristics correlate with the likelihood of opting out.

On Aug. 3, President Obama announced the Clean Power Plan, which he called the “single most important step America has ever taken in the fight against climate change.” This effort will spur investment in clean energy technologies and lower the costs of renewable energy for American families, especially in low-income communities. The effects of climate change already are being felt across the country. **HUD is helping to expand the deployment of energy efficiency and clean energy technologies through a series of programs that will reduce utility costs for American households** while doing our part to cut greenhouse gas emissions. HUD’s Renew300 Initiative sets an ambitious goal of 300 megawatts of renewable energy installed in federally subsidized housing—triple the goal initially outlined in the President’s 2013 Climate Action Plan. Through the Better Buildings Challenge, HUD has engaged 90 multifamily housing partners who have committed to increasing energy efficiency in 400,000 multi-family households. HUD’s Sustainable Communities Initiative is helping 143 communities and regions realize their visions for greater economic competitiveness, stronger community partnerships, and preparedness in the face of new climate realities. HUD’s Office of Economic Resilience (OER) has developed a series of briefs to see inside the innovation of the agency’s grantees and partners, the people involved in these projects and the tools they have developed that are models to others. These briefs introduce planners, policymakers, community leaders, and interested citizens to community leaders who are seizing new opportunities to embrace a more prosperous future. The **Sustainable Communities Initiatives in Region III** including the [Baltimore Opportunity Collaborative in Baltimore, Md.](#) and [Randolph County, W.Va.](#) are among the efforts profiled in the briefs. Visit the [Innovation Series](#) website to find the full set of briefs and see a video that gives you a quick tour of OER’s work.

On Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast of the United States, forcing more than a million people from their homes and tragically taking more than 1,800 lives. Katrina remains the most devastating and costliest natural disaster in our nation’s history. **Over the last 10 years, HUD investments have had a major impact on the recovery in the Gulf region.** For more on the progress of long-term disaster recovery efforts and the lessons learned over the past decade, [read Hurricane Katrina: By the Numbers](#).

HUD FEDERAL REGISTER RULES, NOTICES & FUNDING

Rule

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Standardizing Method of Payment for FHA Insurance Claims Housing Choice Voucher Program: Streamlining the Portability Process](#)

[Revision of Freedom of Information Act Regulation](#)

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Updating Regulations Governing HUD Fees and the Financing of the Purchase and Installation of Fire Safety Equipment in FHA-Insured Healthcare Facilities](#)

[Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; Technical Correction](#)

Proposed Rule

[Retrospective Review-Improving the Previous Participation Reviews of Prospective Multifamily Housing and Healthcare Programs Participants](#)

[Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs: Implementation of E.O. 13559](#)

Notices

[Additional Clarifying Guidance, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Grantees in Receipt of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds Under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; FHA Insured Title I Property Improvement and Manufactured Home Loan Programs](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Section 3 Summary Report for Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low Income Persons \(Form HUD 60002\) and Section 3 Complaint Register \(Form HUD 958\)](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Insurance Termination Request for Multifamily Mortgage](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Builder's Certification of Plans, Specifications and Site Rental Assistance Demonstration \(RAD\)-Alternative Requirements or Waivers: Waiving the Minimum Rent and Security Deposit Requirements for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's Specified RAD Projects](#)

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

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund Established Pursuant to the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Promise Zones](#)

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

[Notice of Second Extension of Time for Completion of Manufacturer Notification and Correction Plan](#)

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

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: CDBG-DR Expenditure Deadline Extension Request Template \(Pub. L. 113-2 Grantees Only\)](#)

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

[Required Elements for Submission of the Unified or Combined State Plan and Plan Modifications Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public/Private Partnerships for the Mixed-Finance Development of Public Housing Units](#)

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

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: CDBG-DR Expenditure Deadline Extension Request Template \(Pub. L. 113-2 Grantees Only\)](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Rental Assistance Demonstration \(RAD\) Application Forms](#)

[Promise Zones Initiative: Proposed Third Round Selection Process Solicitation of Comment](#)

Funding Awards

[Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Years 2014-2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program and Fiscal Years 2014-2015 Housing Counseling Training Grant](#)

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DUE SEPT. 3 – [Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing \(Section 4\)](#)

DUE SEPT. 8 – [Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant Program FULL Application](#)

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DUE SEPT. 25 – [HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program](#)

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DUE OCT. 23 – [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS \(HOPWA\) Project Demonstration](#)

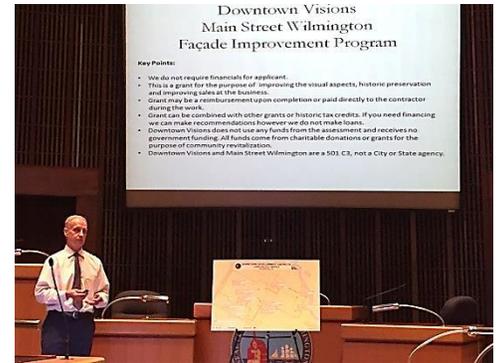
DUE OCT. 27 – [National Disaster Resilience Competition PHASE TWO](#)

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Getting the Details on Downtown Development Grants

The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) has been making the rounds across the State to share information about the [Downtown Development Districts \(DDD\)](#) 2015 fall grant funding cycle. Business or property owners in one of the designated DDDs in Wilmington, Dover or Seaford can apply for a DDD grant for large and small projects. Investors who make qualified real property investments in a DDD will be entitled to receive up to 20 percent of the cost of their investments. This could include for-profit builders and investors, nonprofit organizations, businesses and even homeowners. Governments are not eligible for DDD grants; the grants are designed to spur investment and redevelopment within the DDDs. DSHA has \$8 million available for large projects and \$1 million for small projects. More than \$5.6 million has already been allocated and is expected to leverage at least \$114 million in private investment. In information sessions during August, DSHA worked with partners to identify improvements that will make the DDD grant easier to use and more accessible. Changes to the Small and Large Project set-asides become effective Sept. 15. Forms and guidelines reflecting the new changes may be obtained from DSHA's website at <http://DeStateHousing.com>. Small Project applicants can apply for a reservation on a rolling basis; projects seeking a Large Project reservation must apply by 4 p.m. Dec. 1. For eligibility and general questions, contact Penny A. Pierson at DSHA toll-free at (888) 363-8808 or email DDD@DeStateHousing.com. Pictured above right at the August session on the DDD in Wilmington, Will Minster, Program Manager for the [Downtown Visions Façade Improvement Program](#), explained how businesses in the Wilmington Business Improvement District can combine the Façade Improvement Program with the DDD. A block-by-block inventory of the Wilmington Business Improvement District showed that 78 percent of the buildings could benefit from improved façade treatments in order to improve their appeal and, in many cases, preserve key historic features. Minster said grants up to \$25,000 per façade can do exterior and interior improvements to a business. Through the program, property owners will contribute over 50 percent of the funding needs on many projects. For example, the grant can be used to pay half the cost of signage for new and existing businesses. For more information, visit downtownvisions.org.



Housing Resources for Homeless Veterans

Sussex County Officials and Georgetown Mayor William West hosted a Symposium on Housing Resources for Veterans last month at the Georgetown Campus of Delaware Technical Community College to offer information about how to help homeless veterans. Veteran James Mifflin, who became homeless when his home was condemned, spoke about how he found assistance and housing with the help of Connections Community Support Programs. He encouraged other veterans who are experiencing homelessness to not give up and seek help from agencies like Connections. Attendees were given wallet

cards with phone numbers to access housing for veterans currently homeless and for those who are about to be homeless. The wallet cards also serve as tent cards that can be placed on counters in state and local agencies, and businesses. The cards are being distributed to first responders who often are the first to encounter veterans living in their cars, on the streets or in tent encampments. As part of the event, the Greenwood Mayor Donald Donovan and the President of the Bridgeville Town Commissioners, Patricia Correll, signed on to the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, a national initiative to permanently house homeless veterans by the end of 2015. The Sussex County Council and the Mayors from Georgetown, Seaford and Blades, committed to the Mayors Challenge initiative earlier this summer. Pictured here is Blades County Council President Michael H. Vincent officially signing onto the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness.

Events & Announcements

- **Sept. 18** – Delaware National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials will host a conference focusing on the Downtown Development District Initiative at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Dewey Beach. To register, contact Paula Sims by calling (302) 252-7531 or paula@denahro.com or register online at www.denahro.org.
- **Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Second Annual Sussex County Homebuyer Fair at the Del Tech Community College Owens Campus Carter Partnership Center Georgetown, Del. Sussex County Government, in partnership with DSHA, Sussex County Association of REALTORS®, First State Community Action Agency, and NCALL Research, Inc., will host the annual

event. For information, please contact Brandy Nauman at (302) 855-7779 or at bnauman@sussexcountyde.gov no later than Sept. 18.

- **Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Delaware Stand Down at the Walter L Fox Post #2 American Legion, 835 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901. For more information, call (302) 349-4898 or email lbjnavcret@hotmail.com.
- **Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Delaware Joining Forces Job Fair at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, 250 Airport Road, New Castle, DE 19720. In addition to the free hiring fair for National Guard & Reserve, Transitioning Service Members, Retired Veterans and Military Spouses, a workshop for job seekers will start at 8:30 a.m. that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation and interviewing tips. A second event will be held in Dover at Wilmington University on Oct. 26. For info and questions, please contact Ms. Christine Kubik by calling (302) 326.7582 or email christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil.

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SOME Breaks Ground in the District's Northeast

On July 29, leaders from the District's government, business and charitable communities joined SOME (So Others Might Eat) for the ceremonial groundbreaking on Benning Road in the District of Columbia's Northeast. Named The Conway Center in honor of Joanne Conway and SOME's Building Hope Capital Campaign Chair William E. Conway, Jr., the facility

will combine 202 units of affordable housing, an expanded [SOME Center for Employment Training \(SOME CET\)](#) and a medical and dental health center. "This will be the first facility in the District of Columbia to offer homeless and low-income women, children and men safe affordable housing, job training and health care, all in one place." said Friar John Adams, SOME President. "It is a natural evolution of SOME's holistic and comprehensive approach to serving homeless and low-income individuals and families." HUD's Marvin Turner and D.C. Department of Human Services Director Laura Zeilinger, pictured here left to right, were among the featured speakers at the event. [View event photos.](#)



HOC Announces First All-Electronic Application System in the Nation

The Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC) announced the opening of its wait list for affordable housing programs—and that the wait list will be fully-electronic, available online and will stay open year round. Applications must be submitted through the HOCHousingPath.com website. Any Internet connected computer, smart phone or tablet device can be used to submit an application. For those who don't have access to a computer or the internet, kiosks will be available at [HOC office locations and Montgomery County Public Libraries.](#)

Individuals must be at least 18 years old to apply; completion of an application does not guarantee housing assistance. For additional information, visit HOC's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page, email questions to info@HOCHousingPath.com or call the Wait List Hotline at (240) 627-9800 during business hours. During the announcement event on Aug. 24, HOC Executive Director Stacy Spann noted it is the first all-electronic application system in the country. "We're trying to change how people think about housing people," he said. Director Marvin Turner, pictured second from left, joined HOC's leadership for a post-announcement photo.

Events & Announcements

- **Sept. 2015** – The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing ([APAH](#)) welcomes the community to learn more about affordable housing during open houses held in celebration of Affordable Housing Month in September. The Open Houses will be held each Wednesday in September at a different APAH property. Visit www.apah.org/events or contact Emily Simmonds at esimmonds@apah.org or (703) 276-7444. [Read the Full News Release.](#)

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Mulberry at Park Apartments Groundbreaking

Carol Payne and members of the Baltimore Field Office team participated in the July 28 groundbreaking of Mulberry at Park, a workforce housing project being constructed in downtown Baltimore by Enterprise Housing Corporation. The new construction development will include 68 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments and is being financed by \$870,000 in HOME Program funds in addition to Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity and loans from Bank of America, the Federal Home Loan Bank and the State of Maryland. The building will also receive 19 Section 8 housing choice vouchers from the Housing Authority of Baltimore City as project-based rental assistance to address the needs of tenants with disabilities. With Baltimore experiencing substantial growth in the number of residents choosing to live downtown in the last several years, Mulberry at Park is the second new construction workforce housing project built in the downtown with HOME support in recent years. The first project is the M at Madison Apartments, located a few blocks away on Howard Street. Pictured left to right is Paul Graziano, Commissioner Baltimore Housing; Kenneth C. Holt, Secretary Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; Bernard Jack Young, President, Baltimore City Council; Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake; Chickie Grayson, Enterprise Housing Corporation; Joan Pratt, Baltimore City Comptroller; Ned Howe, Enterprise Housing Corporation and Charlie Halm HUD's Baltimore Community Planning Development Director.



Callow Avenue Apartments Rehabilitation Underway

On July 21, HUD's Community Planning and Development Director Charles Halm provided remarks and Senior CPD Representative Ethel Locks participated in the construction kick-off for the rehabilitation of nine houses in the 2200 block of Callow Avenue in Reservoir Hill. The developer, Druid Heights CDC, an experienced nonprofit housing developer in West Baltimore, will increase the number of homeownership units in the neighborhood during the rehab. The work is financed in part by a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) award to Healthy

Neighborhoods, Inc., a Baltimore nonprofit that works to facilitate homeownership as a community development tool in several city neighborhoods. In 2010, Healthy Neighborhoods received an NSP2 award of \$26,092,880 and has worked with Druid Heights and several other nonprofit and for-profit developers to create homeownership opportunities using foreclosed and abandoned properties. Picture left to right is Roscoe Johnson, Executive Director Druid Heights Community Development Corporation; Carol Gilbert, Assistant Secretary for Neighborhood Revitalization with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; Michael Braverman, Deputy Commission of Code Enforcement Baltimore Housing; Mark Sissman President Health Neighborhoods, Inc., Charlie Halm, HUD CPD Director, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; Catherine Pugh, Maryland State Senator (D-District 40) and Joyce Richardson, NSP2 homeowner and member of Reservoir Hill Improvement Council Board of Directors.



Baltimore Convenes Congressional Briefing

On Aug. 12 in collaboration with Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), HUD's Baltimore Field Office convened the 6th Annual Congressional Briefing focusing on the Opportunity Collaborative's Baltimore Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. BMC's Executive Director Mike Kelly, pictured at left, reviewed the plan's proposed workforce development and transportation agenda for the region.

Additional discussions included the Baltimore Field Office's work on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, multifamily housing's work to end homelessness in Baltimore and how the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) can be effectively used to sustain affordable housing. Participants also gained an understanding on the impacts residents face when moving to new areas of opportunity including: moving away from family support systems, the availability of child care and transportation challenges.





Baltimore Field Office Supports “Back to School Rally”

Through employee donations, the Baltimore Field Office provided school backpacks loaded with school supplies for local students distributed at the Penn-North Community Center in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of Baltimore, the epicenter of the city’s turmoil last April. In spite of short notice for the volunteer collection, the HUD team delivered the needed backpacks in time for Penn-North’s “Back to School Rally” on Aug. 22. Over 500

backpacks were given out to those heading back-to-school, far surpassing the original goal of 200. The day-long event included face painting, music games and pony rides—delighting the youngsters in attendance.

PENNSYLVANIA - EASTERN REGION



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PHA Begins Work on Transformation Plan

On Aug. 20, the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) broke ground in North Philadelphia on the first phase of the agency's Sharswood/Blumberg Transformation Plan; PHA's most ambitious and dynamic development plan in nearly a decade. “The housing authority is investing more than \$22 million dollars to build these units. The revitalization of this apartment complex will undoubtedly

spur the transformation of this neighborhood in North Philadelphia,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter, pictured center with Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Executive Director Brian Hudson (left) and HUD Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent (right). "Under the strong leadership of Mr. Jeremiah, PHA has successfully brought together federal, state and local government as well as private partners to completely change the dynamic in the Sharswood neighborhood. This is a great day for the City of Philadelphia."

This is PHA's first Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) project. RAD is an affordable housing finance program that was created by the federal government to allow public housing authorities to expand funding options beyond what is provided by HUD. The ceremonial groundbreaking, pictured at right, took place today at a parcel on the corner of North 24th and Bolton Streets, across the street from the current high-rise site. The other two parcels in the first phase are located at the corners of 22nd and Jefferson Streets, and 24th and Jefferson Streets. The housing authority is investing more than \$22 million dollars to build these units. In December 2013, HUD awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Planning Grant to PHA. The \$500,000 planning grant provided the agency with the opportunity to create a transformation plan for the redevelopment of the area stretching north of Girard College, south of Cecil B. Moore Avenue, and between 19th and 27th Streets. Nearly 40 planning meetings with residents and stakeholders took place to create a blueprint for a thriving, prosperous, self-reliant community. For more photos of the event, visit [HUD's Flickr page](#).



"Today reminds us that we rebuild neighborhoods with neighbors-with the people who know these places best," said HUD’s Jane C.W. Vincent in her remarks. "The transformation of our neighborhoods and communities doesn't happen because of a federal grant alone. It happens when stakeholders who have never worked with each other before, start coming together to build consensus. It happens when these partners work to secure and target funding from different sources-and when they bring innovative, evidence-based solutions to complex problems like crime and underachieving schools. So, I'd like to congratulate the Blumberg Resident Council and all of the stakeholders for Putting the Unity Back into the CommUnity."

The Sharswood/Blumberg Transformation Plan has 10 phases and will yield over 1,200 total housing units with a mix of affordable and market-rate, rental and homeownership units. It will take about 10 years for the agency to complete the transformation of the community with a total investment estimated at \$529 million. For the complete story, visit pha.phila.org.

Collaborating to Serve Housing Counselors & Clients

Philadelphia's [Urban Affairs Coalition's Community and Economic Development \(CED\) Committee](#) is an effective, cross-sector collaboration bringing impactful change and improvement to an under resourced, yet highly valuable local foreclosure counseling industry. The Committee directs its foreclosure prevention work through its Housing Counseling Roundtable Initiative which includes representatives from leading counseling agencies, government, banks, regulatory agencies and intermediaries. The Initiative's work is focused on identifying solutions to stresses within Philadelphia's nonprofit housing counseling industry and ensuring access to high-quality counseling services. To date, the Collaborative awarded scholarships to more than 35 housing counseling agencies and 60 housing counselors. Grants have assisted 48 housing counselors within 11 agencies to provide 24 high-speed scanners, 30 notebooks and tablets, and technology to enable counselors to provide timely and effective advocacy in Philadelphia's Diversion Court. Since 2008, the Diversion Court Program has helped 8,447 homeowners successfully avoid foreclosure resulting in \$100,674,319 in property taxes to the City of Philadelphia and saving hundreds of thousands in social services when families relocate or become homeless. The newest initiative of the Collaborative is an effort to streamline data entry for housing counselors by securing agreement from funders on a single data entry system. To learn more, read [HUD's The Bridge e-newsletter](#).

Events/Announcements

- **Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. to Noon – Multifamily Homeless Placement Discussion and Awards at HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office**, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Please join HUD, our partners, and area property owners and management agents to learn about our successful multifamily homeless preference program. We are looking forward to sharing ways multifamily property owners and agents can help meet federal goals to end homelessness as well as boost occupancy. Please RSVP to HUD's electronic registration system using [this link](#).
- **Sept. 15 through 18 – Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA) 2015 Annual Conference – Best Practices Showcase and Awards** at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, 1160 First Avenue in King of Prussia, Pa. For additional information and registration forms, visit [pahra.org](#).

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Larimer Pointe Advances Economic Development for Many

One of the most notable attributes of the development team of KBK Enterprises is their collaborative work with the Larimer Consensus Group on unit mix and building design and type. They held multiple meetings within the community that were well attended by Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) and local residents seeking employment opportunities. Twenty-six Section 3 employees were hired for the project and over \$4.6 million in contracts were awarded to minority

and women-owned business contractors. They also established The Larimer Pointe MWBE Committee and provided leverage for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative.

Federal, state and local supporters, pictured here, joined KBK Enterprises for a ribbon-cutting on July 24 marked the start of investment in a neighborhood that had lain fallow for decades. Like so many city neighborhoods, Larimer lost most of its population through the 1960s and '70s, and many homes, left to decay, were razed. By the '90s, crime was the only news out of Larimer, which had more vacant land than it did buildings according to a story on [KBK Enterprises' website](#).

Larimer Pointe is a scattered site development that involved the acquisition of 47 vacant and abandoned parcels which were then consolidated into 20 lots. It includes the construction of 22 buildings containing 40 units of service-enriched affordable housing. Available housing will include single family, duplex, townhomes and multifamily stacked apartment buildings. The first 40 units, Larimer Pointe Phase I, have recently been completed and represent \$21.3 million in total development costs. Keith B. Key, president and CEO of KBK Enterprises, said he was shocked that 740 people applied for a unit within two weeks. "With that much demand to be in Larimer," he said, "you have to build more in Larimer."



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Roanoke Hosts Summit to End Homelessness

On Aug. 12, the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Summit on Housing and Resources brought together more than 130 participants representing federal, state and local governments, public housing authorities, businesses and service providers. Staffers from U.S. Representative Bob Goodlatte’s office (R-VA6) were also in attendance. The Summit provided a platform to collaborate, network and

share ideas to create housing choices for low-income individuals and those experiencing homelessness in the Commonwealth. Presenters offered innovative approaches to address affordable housing and homelessness, as well as supportive services that enhance quality of life and housing stability for those who need it most. Nationally recognized speaker Mark Horvath, founder of Invisible People, laid the foundation for the day-long event with his presentation that served as both encouragement and a reminder that work with the homeless has the ability to change lives. Hailing from Syracuse, N.Y., Alan Thornton, CEO of the Rescue Mission Alliance, spoke of how rescue missions play a vital role and must begin to align their programs with local, state and federal goals in order to reach the common goal of ending homelessness. Summit participants included the Cities of Roanoke, Salem and Covington and the Counties of Roanoke and Alleghany as well as attendees from Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Richmond and the New River Valley. Richmond Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt, pictured at right, participated as a panelist and is joined by Mark Horvath, Interagency Council on Homelessness Chair Paula Prince and Blue Ridge CoC Chair Carol Tuning.

Richmond Field Office Hosts All Grantee Meeting

On Aug. 13, the Richmond Office of Community Planning and Development hosted its annual All Grantee Meeting and training. In an effort to encourage cross collaboration, all entitlement communities as well as Continuum of Care (CoC) leads were invited to attend. Fifty-three grantees attended representing 23 entitlement communities (88 percent) and 10 CoCs (91 percent). Presentations included resale and recapture provisions, CDBG timeliness, HOME commitment and disbursement, Davis-Bacon and the related acts, written agreements, updates on HOME and CDBG programs, and financial management. In addition, grantees representing the Tidewater CoC and the City of Charlottesville presented on their respective efforts to end homelessness in their regions. Yilla Smith, representing the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC), spoke about their collaborative efforts with the entitlement communities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Suffolk are using to make homelessness “rare, brief, and non-recurring in this area.” Charlottesville’s Melissa Thackston spoke about the benefits of reducing homelessness using the “Million Dollar Jimmy” example noting a savings of \$13,000 annually per by providing housing and services versus an individual remaining homeless and on the streets. The day-long event not only offered an important training opportunity, but a forum for sharing information and best practices.

VHDA Helps Housing Counselors Use Technology to Reach Clients

Housing counselors can help people make wise decisions about finances and housing, but many people don’t know they even exist! In Jan. 2014, the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) sent a survey to all 32 HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies in Virginia that receive funding through the HUD grant administered by VHDA. The survey found that housing counseling agencies hope to increase their client base by improving public awareness of their organizations and the programs offered. Since every agency shares common goals, VHDA was able to aggregate the needs expressed in the survey in order to facilitate an efficient and more effective result—a statewide advertising campaign. The campaign raised awareness of housing counselors and encouraged Virginians to visit a new page on vhda.com to learn more about housing counseling and to ultimately find a housing counselor in their area using HUD’s agency search tool. To learn more, visit HUD’s [The Bridge e-newsletter](#).

Events & Announcements

- **Sept. 30** – Applications are due for Virginia Employment Commission [Competition for Talent Solutions Grant](#).
- **Sept. 30 through Oct. 1** – [2015 Virginia Volunteerism and Service Conference](#) in Roanoke. Registration is now open.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Registration is now open for the Virginia Governor’s Housing Conference (VGHC), to be held in Hampton November 18 through 20. For more information and to register, visit the [VGHC website](#). In addition, nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Virginia Housing Awards, which will be presented at the Governor’s Housing Conference.

- **DUE Oct. 1** – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will be conducting three “How-to-Apply” Workshops for the **Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) program** during the month of July. Held on three consecutive Tuesdays, in Lynchburg on July 14, Abingdon on July 21 and Norfolk on July 28; during these sessions, DHCD staff will offer a review of the program design, funding availability, the application process and additional information. Applications are due October 1, 2015. For more information, contact Joy Rumley at joy.rumley@dhcd.virginia.gov or (276) 676-5471 ext. 7 or visit www.dhcd.virginia.gov.
- The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will be holding several “How-to-Apply” [Workshops](#) throughout the state to cover the application process for the **Homeless Reduction Grant Program and the Competitive Loan Fund through the Housing Trust Fund**. The goals of the Trust Fund are to create and preserve affordable housing and reduce homelessness in the Commonwealth. Applications for the program will be opening in the near future.

WEST VIRGINIA



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HUD Charleston Field Office’s Community Education Field Work Continues

The Charleston Field Office’s Community Education Field Work group is a collection of agencies that provide placed-based services that focus on housing, health, education, transportation, veterans and homeless issues in the Advantage Valley area, including communities from Huntington to Charleston, W.Va. These interactive meetings provide agencies with an opportunity to become better educated on services, barriers and opportunities to collaborate on formulation of goals, objectives and to develop planned projects or training. The field working group is a logical bottom-up evolution of planning to meet diminished public resources, reductions in staff and added agency responsibilities to meet the needs of residents of West Virginia today and in the future. This month’s meeting provided information and services available to assist seniors and those that are disabled including resources to remain independent and in their housing units. In addition, information on the enrollment, maintenance and coordination of the West Virginia Intellectual/Development Disability Waiver Program (formerly MR/DD Waiver), West Virginia Aged and Disabled Waiver Program, Personal Care Program, Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, and the Take Me Home West Virginia, a program that assists West Virginians in long-term care facilities to return to their homes. Catholic Charities presented on their partnership to promote the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assisting residents with the resources to purchase groceries and providing insight on how to stretch their budgets to free up money for other necessities. Legal Aid of West Virginia spoke on barriers to receiving housing and other services due to the lack of having proper identification. For more information on how to become involved in this valuable collaboration contact Evie Williams at (304) 347-7000, extension 125 or Evie.Williams@hud.gov.

Healthcare and Housing (H2) Systems Integration Initiative Begins Action Planning

The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless and Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless received technical assistance grants to develop a plan for innovative funding and services delivery strategies for integrating health care into the housing system. West Virginia is one of ten communities to secure this funding. On August 12 and 13, the H2 West Virginia Action Planning group met at the state capitol to develop an innovative model to provide financial, technical support, development and testing of a state led multi-player health care and housing provider plan to improve health system performance, increase quality of care and decrease costs for those that are homeless in West Virginia. Continuum of Care (CoCs) agencies included the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless, West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, West Virginia Balance of State Continuum of Care and the Kanawha Valley Collative. Agencies across West Virginia participated and developed an action plan to meet the needs in combining affordable housing with tenancy support and housing-based case management for people with chronic health conditions and disabilities. Leadership teams have been identified to begin the process of implementation of the plan. For more information, please visit www.hudexchange.info/programs/aca/h2 or contact Evie Williams at (304) 347-7000, ext. 125 or email Evie.Williams@hud.gov.



Events & Announcements

- **Sept. 15, 16 & 17 – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** 2015 West Virginia Housing Conference: Housing Builds Strong Communities, Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, W.Va. Agencies, organizations and individuals from across West Virginia and across social and political ideals come together for this annual event about the need for better housing for our people. From sessions on design and maintenance and loan processing to sessions on forming better organizations and social services and needs of the elderly, this conference covers housing issues in the Mountain State. To register, visit www.WVHousingConference.com.
- **Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** – 2015 Strengthening Families in West Virginia Conference, Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, W.Va. For more information contact: KISRA, 131 Perkins Avenue, Dunbar, WV 25064 by calling (304) 768-8924.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

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.
- 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

- **DUE SEPT. 4** – [Applications for the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation](#), providing grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to support direct expenses associated with neighborhood planning such as planning consultants, outreach activities, community meetings, and advisory group development.
- **DUE SEPT. 15** – The EPA's Office of Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunity [Local Foods, Local Places](#) is accepting applications for technical assistance to help communities create walkable, healthy, and economically vibrant neighborhoods by promoting local foods. Special consideration will be given to communities in federally designated Promise Zones or USDA StrikeForce counties. Selected projects will support one or more of USDA's [Seven Strategies for Economic Development](#) and the [HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities' Livability Principles](#). Read the [Local Foods, Local Places Application](#). More information is available on the [EPA Website](#).
- **DUE SEPT. 18** – The Santander Bank Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for individuals and the communities they serve by supporting local non-profit organizations on various quality of life projects such as affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization. For more information and to access the grant application, visit santanderbank.com.
- **DUE SEPT. 21** – The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will provide a [limited number of matching grants](#) ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to support local efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents under its 2016 Our Town grant program.
- **DUE OCT. 30** – State Farm Companies Foundation helps to build safer and stronger communities through their grants focused in two areas, safety and education. Funding requests will be available Sept. 1 through Oct. 30. For more information and the application, visit statefarm.com.
- **DUE NOV. 24** – The 100 Resilient Cities Challenge seeks to find 100 cities that are ready to build resilience to the social, economic, and physical challenges that cities face in an increasingly urbanized world. So far, 67 cities around the world have begun their journey toward a safer and more secure future. Cities in the 100 Resilient Cities network get the financial and strategic support they need to withstand the stresses and shocks that are part of life in an increasingly urban world. Cities receive funding to hire a Chief Resilience Officer, assistance in developing a resilience strategy, access to a platform of innovative private and public sector tools to help design and implement that strategy, and membership in the 100 Resilient Cities Network. For more information on how to apply, visit 100resilientcities.org.

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