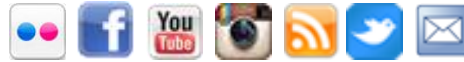




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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

A Report Card on Ending Homelessness in Region III, Part 1

With *Opening Doors*—the first federal strategic plan to end homelessness, the Obama administration has made an historic commitment to ending homelessness. It never occurred to me in my early years of battling this issue that the feds were not all in—and I can see the difference “all in” makes. It has been my privilege to be in a leadership role with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and one of the key agencies supporting the work of the President and not one, but two Secretaries championing this initiative and making it a high priority.

On Oct. 30 at the Virginia Governor’s Housing Conference in Norfolk, I had the opportunity to talk about the work we are doing in the Mid-Atlantic to reach the goals outlined in *Opening Doors*. That’s getting to zero for veterans by 2015, ending chronic homelessness by 2016 and eradicating homelessness for children, family and youth by 2020.

It seemed particularly fitting to be focusing on ending veteran homelessness just a few weeks before we honor those who serve or who have served our country in the armed forces by celebrating Veterans Day on Nov. 11. I can think of no better payback than through the work we are doing with 100,000 Homes Rapid Results Boot Camps, the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness and Dedicating Opportunities to End Homelessness—all designed to help us all get to “zero” veterans experiencing homelessness by the end of December 2015.

Region III Interagency Council on Homelessness

By now, most Regions and many states have organized a local Interagency Council on Homelessness. Because these additional councils and coalitions are built on a successful national model, a great deal of good information is available to anyone and is just a call or a keystroke away. After we “re-grouped” the **Region III Interagency Council on Homelessness (R-ICH)** shortly after I joined HUD, we expanded our interagency collaborate to include 26 agencies and organizations. Not only to we have more diverse partners that bring many areas of expertise to the table, we are all working united towards the same goal.



One way is by providing greater hands-on support for the annual Point in Time counts. Nearly 100 federal employees volunteered to help with the counts throughout the Mid-Atlantic last January. With our own “boots on the ground,” we built awareness about the importance of the counts—both internally and externally—and we also now have a much clearer picture of the individuals we are working to house. Pictured at right, HUD Philadelphia Homeownership Center’s Michael Levine and I had the opportunity to interview an individual experiencing homelessness in Suburban Station during last year’s “Philly Counts” Point in Time Count.

On Oct. 30, we announced HUD’s official results of the **January 2014 Point in Time count**. Region III’s results ranged from a gratifying 27.6 percent decrease in individuals experiencing homelessness in Maryland to a disheartening 18.5 percent

increase in the District of Columbia. “As a nation, we are successfully reducing homelessness in this country, especially for those who have been living on our streets as a way of life,” said Secretary Julián Castro in the official Point in Time count announcement. “There is still a tremendous amount of work ahead of us but it’s clear our strategy is working and we’re going to push forward till we end homelessness as we’ve come to know it.”

100,000 Homes Rapid Results Boot Camps

Recently, Philadelphia’s Regional Office received kudos for our successes stemming from hosting a **100,000 Homes Rapid Results Boot Camp**. Nearly 150 participants from Baltimore, Boston, Long Island, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, Washington, DC, Westchester County in New York and Norfolk convened in Philly the summer before last. The Boot Camp consisted of two and a half days of exercises that built a cohesive, passionate, determined team with agreed upon metrics for each community, including number of homeless veterans, a big picture goal, a list of mutually reinforcing action items and established measurements.

Immediately following the Boot Camp, Philly Vets Home was launched and the 100-day sprint began. The Rapid Results Institute, creator of the Boot Camp structure, pushes for action in 100 days because of the belief that the fundamental engine of change is human motivation and confidence, and the courage to take a first step. In January 2014, Philly Vets Home launched its second 100-day sprint. They exceeded their goal. In June 2014, Philly Vets Home launched its third 100-day sprint. **Since the first 100 days, Philly Vets Home has housed 400 formerly homeless veterans**, 189 of which who were experiencing chronic homelessness. That’s 400 individuals—men and women who served our country and thanks to this passionate, motivated team—now have a place to call home.

We’ve convened additional boot camps in Pittsburgh and a four-county area outside of Philadelphia. Meeting and exceeding expectations in the numbers of veterans housed through both efforts. This past summer, the Commonwealth of Virginia held a statewide Boot Camp—I believe the only statewide event in the nation. Their goal is to house 370 veterans experiencing homelessness in 100 days. I believe that will easily make that goal. Those attending the Virginia Boot Camp posed for the photo at right.



Mayors Challenge to End Homelessness

At the beginning of the summer, I had the pleasure of joining First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House as she launched the **Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness**. So far, 256 mayors, county, and state officials have committed to ending homelessness among veterans in their communities. Mayor Becker in Salt Lake City, UT and Mayor Stanton in Phoenix, AZ have already ended chronic homelessness for veterans, and are now committed to ending homelessness for all veterans. Mayors, Governors and county executives—like the 36 who have signed on in the Mid-Atlantic—have pledged to do the same.

We plan to host a roundtable discussion on Dec. 2 and are inviting mayors and other elected officials to join us to explore how the Challenge can help all of us end homelessness in our communities. The event will feature panel discussions and brainstorming sessions on how to build coalitions and organize efforts to reach maximum results, what resources and technical assistance are available as well as housing placement options and promising practices. Please see the Eastern Pennsylvania Update for details.

Making Good Progress

Our estimates show an overall 10 percent reduction and 25 percent drop in the unsheltered population since 2010, the launch of Opening Doors. Last January’s one-night estimate revealed a 33 percent drop in homelessness among veterans, including a 43 percent reduction in unsheltered homelessness among veterans, since 2010 and a 10.5 percent decline since last year. State and local communities also reported a 15 percent decline in the number of families with children experiencing homelessness since 2010, as well as a 53 percent reduction among these families who were found to be unsheltered. We are making progress, but a long way to go to get to zero. We’ll have more information about our work to end homelessness in our November 2014 edition of *Region III HUDLine News*.

Jane C.W. Vincent, Region III Regional Administrator

NEWS YOU CAN USE

On Oct. 30, **HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced HUD's latest estimate of homelessness in the U.S., noting a continued general decline and specifically among veterans and persons living on the street.** HUD's [2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress](#) finds that there were 578,424 persons experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2014. This represents an overall 10 percent reduction and 25 percent drop in the unsheltered population since 2010, the year the Obama Administration launched [Opening Doors](#), the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. HUD's annual 'point-in-time' estimates seek to measure the scope of homelessness on a single night in January. Based on data reported by state and local planning agencies, last January's one-night estimate reveals a 33 percent drop in homelessness among veterans, including a 43 percent reduction in unsheltered homelessness among veterans, since 2010 and a 10.5 percent decline since last year. State and local communities also reported a 15 percent decline in the number of families with children experiencing homelessness since 2010, as well as a 53 percent reduction among these families who were found to be unsheltered. [Read more on homeless data reported on a state and community level.](#)

On Oct. 1, **HUD and the VA announced more than \$4.4 million to help 597 Mid-Atlantic veterans who are experiencing homelessness find permanent supportive housing.** The rental assistance is provided through the [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) Program](#), which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services from the VA. HUD-VASH is an important part of the Obama Administration's efforts to provide critical housing and services to veterans experiencing homelessness, with grant support from HUD's Continuum of Care program as well as VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

HUD has published the [Notice for Housing Inventory Count \(HIC\) and Point-in-Time \(PIT\) Data Collection for Continuums of Care \(CoCs\)](#), which informs CoCs of information that must be collected in order to successfully complete the 2015 HIC and PIT counts. New for this year, HUD is working with the Department of Defense to encourage members of the National Guard and Reserves to volunteer to assist with the PIT count.

HUD has published the 2015 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) on the HUD USER website. Effective Oct. 1, these FMRs are used in the Housing Choice Voucher, the Moderate Rehabilitation, and the project-based voucher programs, as well as other programs that require location-specific economic data. The tables, documentation system, a copy of the preamble, and preliminary comments posted in response to the proposed FY2015 FMRs are available from HUD USER at www.huduser.org/datasets/fmr.html.

The [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#) makes **\$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. On Oct. 17, HUD released updated [National Disaster Resilience Competition Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). HUD has launched a [new series of webinars](#) on its National Disaster Resilience Competition and general resilience topics of interest to both eligible applicants and other parties. Also, in support of HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition, the Rockefeller Foundation has launched a nationwide capacity building initiative, including a [new web presence](#).

On Oct. 15, **HUD awarded \$3.1 million to nine fair housing agencies in the mid-Atlantic region to address housing discrimination.** Nationally, \$38.3 million was awarded. The grants are awarded through HUD's [Fair Housing Initiatives Program \(FHIP\)](#) to help enforce the Fair Housing Act through investigations and testing of alleged discriminatory practices and to help educate housing providers, local governments and potential victims of housing discrimination about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. "In the mid-Atlantic region, 413 fair housing discrimination complaints were filed with HUD and our partners in FY 2014," said Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent in the official announcement. "These complaints underscore the importance of funding enforcement activities that will put an end to discrimination in the region." [Read a complete project-by-project summary of the programs.](#)

The **FY 2015 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) General Section** for HUD's programs has been released. This is important information for any potential applicant, and covers the requirements for all of HUD's discretionary programs. Read the FY2015 NOFAs General Section [here](#).

HUD has published [Notice CPD-14-015: Guidance on Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for FY 2015](#). The purpose of this notice is to instruct all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula grantees on the **timing of submission of FY 2015 consolidated plans and action plans**.

Register today! **HUD's Building HOME Training will be held [Nov. 12-14 in Washington, DC](#) and [Dec. 2-4 in Philadelphia, PA](#)**. 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 and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activities. This training is intended for HOME Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) staff and as space permits, subrecipients, state recipients and consortium members.

HUD has moved the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program related resource pages from HUD.gov to the HUD Exchange. Users who try to access [CDBG Disaster Recovery Program](#) and [DRGR: Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System](#) on HUD.gov will see a message directing them to the corresponding HUD Exchange page. From these resource pages, grantees can browse the latest news and resources, guides and tools, upcoming trainings and training material. Grantees can also continue to use the HUD Exchange [Resource Library Search](#) to find resources and the [Training Catalog](#) and [Calendar](#) to find trainings and events.

HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) and the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH), in collaboration with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), are pleased to announce the [availability of remote and onsite technical assistance](#) (TA) focused on **improving program participant access and effective utilization of mainstream healthcare services at the systems level**. These efforts are designed to ensure effective coordination linkages between housing and healthcare services to maximize care coverage and increase access to comprehensive health care and supportive services that can be coordinated with housing. This TA is available to grantees, sub-recipients and project sponsors of the following programs: Continuum of Care (CoC), Emergency Solutions Grantees (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The first selection round will be held in early December.

[SNAPS In Focus: Youth Homelessness](#) message **helps to clarify what HUD is doing to end the disgrace of youth homelessness by 2020**. As a nation, we should be doing much more to end youth homelessness. Youth have unique developmental needs and HUD's approach to youth homelessness has to do a better job taking these into account. The message outlines what HUD is working with federal partners to improve the federal response to youth homelessness. For more about the steps HUD is taking to end homelessness, visit the [HUD Exchange](#).

HUD has posted the **2013 [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Dashboard Reports](#)** on the HUD Exchange. These reports show claimed geography and geographic coverage changes for the previous two program years and also include information on each CoC's awards by award amount, program type and renewal type. The reports contain summary data from the Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC), which provide a quick overview of a CoC's performance in serving homeless individuals with their CoC awards.

On Oct. 10, HUD announced that \$24 million is being made available to certain qualified **Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to help residents increase their earned income and move toward self-sufficiency**. HUD's [Jobs-Plus Pilot Program](#) is designed to support work readiness and job placement efforts as well as connecting public housing residents with local employers. The Jobs-Plus Pilot Program capitalizes on a [successful demonstration](#) program that combines traditional employment, training and job placement services with a rent incentive and a place-based investment in building "community support for work." The program model, which requires PHAs to partner with Dept. of Labor American Jobs Centers, promotes initiatives to improve employment and earnings outcomes, a critical element of self-sufficiency for all families. Targeting an entire development helps residents support each other through the process. The deadline to [apply for funding](#) is Dec. 17.

Across the nation, community foundations, private foundations, and corporate giving programs work to improve neighborhoods and the lives of the people who live in them. On Oct. 22, **HUD, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Council on Foundations announced the 2014 winners of the [Secretaries' Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships](#)**. Ten foundations earned the awards to place-based funders for completed or ongoing initiatives that are executed in partnership with a local, regional, or federal government agency. These foundations have made significant improvements in housing and neighborhoods, education, health and recreation, transportation, community participation, arts and culture, public safety,

sustainability, and economic development across all American geographies—urban, suburban and rural. The awards were presented at the Council on Foundations’ Fall Conference for Community Foundations in Cleveland OH.

Six federal agencies including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Securities and Exchange Commission **jointly approved a final rule requiring sponsors of securitization transactions to retain risk in those transactions.** This cross agency effort affirms the Administration's commitment to creating needed certainty for lenders to expand access to credit for our nation's underserved borrowers, while ensuring that the past abuses that helped cause the last financial crisis aren't repeated. The [final rule](#) implements the risk retention requirements in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act).

[PD&R's U.S. Housing Market Conditions](#) (USHMC) website contains national, regional, state, metropolitan, and local data and analysis in one location. Featured USHMC charts highlight monthly and annual housing market data for the nation and by region.

New RAD Newsletter! The Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program now has a [monthly newsletter](#)! Readers will receive monthly updates on key program statistics, news and special events that take place within the RAD program. Additionally, each issue will highlight a few recently closed projects. Join the [mailing list](#).

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report that says **HUD can do more with regard to manufactured housing.** The report, [Manufactured Housing: Efforts Needed to Enhance Program Effectiveness and Ensure Funding Stability](#) (GAO-14-410) contains recommendations related to the HUD Code updates, FHA insurance, and fees. Contact [Matthew Scire`](#) at GAO, (202) 512-8678.

HUD has published new [operating cost adjustment factors \(OCAFs\)](#), which will be used to adjust Section 8 rents in some HUD-assisted properties, effective February 11, 2015. For more information, contact Stan Houle at HUD, (202) 402-2572.

Most children in HUD-assisted renter households still live in high-poverty neighborhoods. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports that only 15% of children with HUD rental assistance live in low-poverty neighborhoods, while 18% are in extreme-poverty neighborhoods. Families with vouchers are more likely to escape concentrations of poverty than those in public housing or receiving Section 8 project-based aid, but a quarter of a million children in the Housing Choice Voucher program do live in extreme-poverty neighborhoods. [“Creating Opportunity for Children: How Housing Location Can Make a Difference”](#) states that this problem exists in nearly every state and in rural as well as urban areas, though it is most prevalent east of the Mississippi and in California.

HUD has revised its Model Standards for Manufactured Home Ground Anchoring. A [final rule](#) amends the Manufactured Home Model Installation Standards, establishing a uniform test method to determine and rate ground anchor performance in different soil classifications. Contact Pamela Beck Danner at HUD, (202) 708-6423.

DUE Nov. 20 – The Environmental Protection Agency invites communities to apply for technical assistance to implement smart growth development approaches. EPA is offering this technical assistance through the [Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities](#) program to help communities across the country—including underserved communities, coastal communities, small cities and rural areas—adopt sustainable growth strategies. The program aims to increase resilience to natural disasters and strengthen the economy while protecting human health and the environment. Building Blocks provides quick, targeted technical assistance to communities using tools with demonstrated results and widespread application. If selected, a community will work with an EPA-supported team of experts during a one-to-two-day workshop, where participants will learn about relevant strategies, policies, and practices. In collaboration with the HUD and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation through the [Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#), EPA will select up to 25 communities.

DUE Nov. 21, 5 p.m. EST – 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. Announcements are expected in 2015. Applications will be submitted via [www.Max.gov](#). For more information and how to apply, visit the [Federal Register](#).

DUE Nov. 21 – Applications for the 2015 Housing and Urban Development Design Awards program are currently being accepted by the Residential Knowledge Community of The American Institute of Architects (AIA), in conjunction with the Office of the Secretary of HUD. These annual awards recognize excellence in affordable housing, community-based design, participatory design, and housing accessibility. Award recipients will have their projects publicized by HUD and in AIA's online newsletter, AIArchitect. The winning designs will also be honored at the 2015 AIA national convention in Atlanta, Georgia on May 14-16. The criteria and instructions for online submissions are located at www.aia.org/HudAwards. Questions should be directed to AIA at (202) 626-7586 or by email to honorsawards@aia.org.

A new [USICH publication](#), *Creating Effective Systems to End Homelessness: A Guide to Reallocating Funds in the CoC Program* offers guidance to Continuums of Care and program fund recipients on strategically shifting program funds from underperforming or less cost-effective programs toward new, evidence-informed projects that serve new participants or have a rapid re-housing or permanent supportive housing program design.

The [National Prevention Council's Annual Status Report](#) highlights some of HUD's work to promote smoke-free housing and related work from the Sustainable Communities planning grants.

Roughly half of all American households report getting along with their next door neighbors and are willing to lend a helping hand if needed. That's among the findings of the [2013 American Housing Survey](#) released Oct. 16 by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. This report marks the 40th year the American Housing Survey (AHS) has been taking a deep look at the U.S. housing stock including detailed information on housing costs and quality. The 2013 AHS includes new information about neighborhood social life, use of public transportation, and the extent to which American families are prepared for disaster.

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) released two new reports: a [Primer](#) on *Using Medicaid for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Tenants of Permanent Supportive Housing*, and a [companion document](#), *Medicaid and Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Individuals: Emerging Practices from the Field*. The reports serve as tools for States and communities working to expand services and supports for people in permanent supportive housing. While the report focuses on services for people experiencing chronic homelessness, the options highlighted in the Primer can be used by States to increase the role of Medicaid in providing supportive services to any individual who requires supportive services to achieve housing stability and improved health and well-being. For more information, visit the [USICH website](#).

Supporting the Obama Administration's goal to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment, the U.S. Dept. of Energy is pursuing a suite of initiatives to **strengthen federal energy management through increased focus on measurement of energy use in federal buildings and energy efficient building design**. Principal among the efforts is the Department's issuance of a [final rule](#) that requires verified energy and water performance for new and retrofitted federal buildings that are certified by private sector green building certification systems.

Pittsburgh, PA's [Point State Park](#) and the District of Columbia's [U Street, N.W.](#) were among the 39 Mid-Atlantic sites designated as [Great Places in America](#) by the American Planning Association (APA). APA's flagship program celebrates places of exemplary character, quality, and planning. Places are selected annually and represent the gold standard in terms of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow. APA Great Places offer better choices for where and how people work and live. They are enjoyable, safe, and desirable. They are places where people want to be—not only to visit, but to live and work every day. America's truly great streets, neighborhoods and public spaces are defined by many criteria, including architectural features, accessibility, functionality and community involvement.

What Do You Think?

Comments on the periodically revised [Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Community Reinvestment](#), which supplement the Community Reinvestment Act regulations issued by the Federal Reserve board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency are due Nov. 10. Contact Bobbie Kennedy at OCC, (202) 649-5470.

[Comments](#) are due Dec. 8 on the rule changes suggested for the Section 202 and 811 programs. HUD's [proposal](#) would implement statutory amendments made in 2011 to both programs, and would "streamline" the programs. For more information, contact Alicia Anderson at HUD, (202) 708-3000.

[Comments](#) are due December 15 on HUD's proposed regulations on demolition and disposition of public housing. The proposed [updates](#) would increase HUD's oversight of demolition and disposition of public housing and make other changes. For more information, contact [Kathleen Szybist](#) at HUD, (401) 277-8310.

HUD FEDERAL REGISTER RULES, NOTICES & FUNDING

Proposed Rules

[Public Housing Program: Demolition or Disposition of Public Housing Projects, and Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance; Correction](#)

[Federal Housing Administration \(FHA\): Solicitation of Comment on Streamline Refinance Provisions in the FHA Single Family Housing Policy Handbook](#)

[Supportive Housing and Services for the Elderly and Persons With Disabilities: Implementing Statutory Reforms](#)

Rules

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

Notices

[30-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 Report of Additional Classification and Rate](#)

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

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; New Construction Subterranean Termite Protection for New Homes](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Report of Additional Classification and Rate](#)

[Announcement of Funding Awards for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\) Program for Fiscal Years \(FY\) 2012 and 2013](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: National Disaster Resilience Competition \(NDRC\) Phase 1 and Phase 2 Application and Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience \(CDBG-NDR\) Pre- and Post-Award Planning and Reporting ...](#)

[Implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Modification to, Deletion of, and Creation of New System of Records-HUD Enforcement Management System \(HEMS\)](#)

[Implementation of The Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Amendment to Existing Systems of Records, Computerized Homes Underwriting Management System-Development of New System of Records, Loan Application Management System](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Management Reviews of Multifamily Housing Programs HUD-9834](#)

[Third Allocation, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Strong Cities Strong Communities National Resource Network](#)

[Announcement of Funding Awards Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Grants Fiscal Year 2014](#)

[30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, Phase I](#)

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

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality](#)

[60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Local Appeals to Single-Family Mortgage Limits](#)

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

[Final Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program Fiscal Year 2015](#)

[Statutorily Mandated Designation of Difficult Development Areas and Qualified Census Tracts for 2015](#)

[Notice of Certain Operating Cost Adjustment Factors for 2015](#)

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

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DUE Mar. 16 – [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#)

AROUND THE REGION, DELAWARE



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Safe Cleaning Techniques for Home and Health

Liberty Court residents in Dover are signing up to learn how to clean their homes safely to avoid triggering asthma attacks. It is a known fact that asthma is the most common chronic condition among children. The Nemours Foundation, HUD, the Delaware Division of Public Health and the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) are partnering to build awareness about asthma triggers and safe cleaning techniques and pest management. The Nemours Foundation is working with public housing residents across the State through a \$4 million federal grant to reduce the

incidences of asthma attacks in children. DSHA residents are looking forward to learning the benefits of using white vinegar, hydrogen peroxide and other non-traditional cleaners. Once they complete the training, each resident will get a free basket of safe cleaning products so they can take what they learned and use it. The goal for Nemours is to reduce emergency room visits of children with asthma by 50 percent. 4-H Club members, left to right: Alyssa Kline, Kahnyah Freeman and Staja Jones were in attendance to represent those who could be impacted. [HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Program](#) (HHLHCP) and the [Delaware Division of Public Health](#) both have Healthy Homes Initiatives to protect children and their families from [housing-related health and safety hazards](#). Photograph courtesy of DSHA.

Public Officials Join Ingerman for Groundbreaking at Alder Creek

U.S. Senator Chris Coons, Delaware Governor Jack Markell and Newark Mayor Polly Sierer joined Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent and other officials to break ground on Oct. 9 at Alder Creek, Delaware's newest affordable housing community in Newark. Once built, Alder Creek will include 56 one- to four-bedroom apartment homes in 13 two-story buildings. Each residence will have a private entrance, front porch, rear balcony or patio, and ample parking. The buildings will be situated so as to create a large community green that will allow for active and passive recreational opportunities. Alder Creek will also feature a community building which will house a meeting room, laundry facilities, a fitness center, maintenance space and an after-school program, supported by full-time, on-site maintenance and management staff. The community building will house the community's leasing office as well. Families with children will be able to enjoy a large, state-of-the-art playground and will benefit from a comprehensive services program that will be established—complete with a part-time coordinator—to bring in outside service providers. Alder Creek is being built on a site that has, for years, been a "brownfield." Rather than abandoning it, Ingerman, a private developer from Cherry Hill, NJ, along with the Delaware State Housing Authority, HUD and the Newark Housing Authority decided to put the site to use in a way that could serve the common good. The community is being financed through federal tax credits, a bank loan and funding for environmental cleanup from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. For more photos of the event, visit [Region III's Flickr Collection](#). Pictured left to right are Delaware Field Office Director Maria Bynum, Newark Housing Authority Executive Director Marene Jordon, HUD's Judith Axler, Debbie Gardner and Jane C.W. Vincent at the groundbreaking.



DSHA Wins National Award for Kiss Your Landlord Goodbye!

On October 20, the Delaware State Housing Authority received a National Council of State Housing Agencies national award for their "Kiss Your Landlord Goodbye!" advertising campaign. The honor recognizes DSHA for their creative use of media that most effectively promote affordable housing activities, programs, products, or services to advance DSHA's mission. The creative Kiss Your Landlord Goodbye comprehensive media campaign increased DSHA's homeownership contacts nearly 300% compared with the same time frame the previous year. For more information, visit www.destatehousing.org.



Delaware Stands Down for Veterans

Delaware's Sixth Veterans Stand Down in October brought out 597 veterans to the American Legion's Walter Fox Post 2 in Dover. Service providers, including HUD, filled the building and spilled out onto the lawn around the Post. Veterans were treated to breakfast and a hot lunch with red, white and blue centerpieces. They were able to get haircuts, clothes, food and medical care right on the spot. Of those attending, 86 men and six women veterans were experiencing homelessness. Intending to ensure their safety during the winter months, organizations will work on providing a stable environment and a permanent place for them to live. Eighteen veterans from outside the First State also attended the event. During the opening ceremony, the Executive Director of the Delaware Veterans' Stand Down Elizabeth A. Byers-Jiron, pictured center, was presented with the state's first license plate that reads, "I support veterans" with the abbreviation HV. Delaware drivers can purchase these license plates with half of the proceeds going directly to support veterans. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs and HUD are working hard to meet the national goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015 and to accelerate progress, launched the Obama Administration's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in spring 2014. In Delaware, three Mayors and the New Castle County Executive have signed on to the Challenge.



Fair Housing Implemented through Mobility Featured at Delaware Governor's Conference on Housing

Providing opportunities for low-income families to obtain rental housing outside areas of poverty or minority concentration is an important goal of HUD. HUD is working with others to raise awareness of housing mobility, create a shared understanding of current local impediments to affordable housing, and together, improve housing choice for low-income individuals and families. At the Delaware Governor's Conference on Housing on October 7, Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent was joined by Metropolitan Baltimore Quadel's Jim Evans and Baltimore Housing's Amy Wilkinson for a panel exploring the results-oriented approach of Quadel's

special Housing Choice Voucher mobility program, funded to support 2,156 tenant-based, project-based and home ownership vouchers, on behalf of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. Personal insight from panelist Shawnta Turner, a former client in the housing mobility program and an employee of MBQ, spoke of how she currently advises and counsels new housing mobility applicants and those who are accepted into the program. The discussion highlighted how the program provides families with housing search assistance and counseling designed to help them access good schools, safe neighborhoods, employment and a healthy living environment. The panelists also explored the challenges they face with funding constraints, opportunities for rule and policy changes that could advance the mobility agenda and highlighted the critical need for research of the effectiveness of various strategies as well as the cost-benefit. For more information about how housing mobility is making a difference, visit housingmobility.org. To view additional sessions on housing mobility, visit [HUD's Virtual Moving to Higher Opportunity Summit website](http://HUD's%20Virtual%20Moving%20to%20Higher%20Opportunity%20Summit%20website). Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent, far left, is joined by Amy Wilkinson, Baltimore Memorial Baptist Church's Reverend Doctor Calvin Keene who provided the keynote address and Jim Evans pose for a photo together after the luncheon.

Events & Announcements

- **Nov. 8, 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.
- **Nov. 12, 9 to 11 a.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.** – Hockessin Community Center, Foreclosure Prevention and Intervention Workshop, 1304 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE. For more information, please contact Shenise Ferrell at (302) 239-2363.
- **Nov. 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** – Diamond State Community Land Trust, Community Land Trust Orientation Session, Treadway Towers, 9 East Lookerman Street, Suite 205, Dover, DE. To register, please visit www.diamondstateclt.org or call (800) 282-0477, ext. 304.
- **Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Workshop for Veterans Benefits and Programs, Delaware Veterans Post 2, 702 Pear Street, Dover, DE. Lunch will be provided. No RSVP needed.
- For more events, [visit DSHA's website](#).



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After Years of Neglect and Mismanagement, Glenarden Apartments Demolished: Makes Way for New Development Inside the Beltway

After years of poor management and under investment by the private owners, and years of deplorable conditions, code violations, and crime, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III gave the signal on Oct. 28 to tear down the buildings known as the Glenarden Apartments. The 27-acre complex in the City of Glenarden, included 49 buildings, with 578 apartment units. "The wait is finally over for the citizens of Glenarden and

the surrounding communities!" exclaimed County Executive Baker. "We realize this was once a development of prideful residents however, through the years, erosion of the apartments' upkeep, a transient population and crime overshadowed this area with blight. We are now moving forward and paving the way for new growth, new opportunities and new economic investment in this established neighborhood." County Executive Baker was joined by Director Turner, the state delegation from the 24th Legislative District, County Councilmember Andrea Harrison, Glenarden Mayor Dennis Smith and others, to mark the occasion of the anticipated demolition. At the event, County Executive Baker shared his vision and concepts for the new development planned for the site and discuss how it ties into overall redevelopment in Prince George's County. For more information, contact Alexis Revis Yeoman, Public Information Officer for the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development by calling (301) 883-2760.

Mayor Gray Celebrates Relocation of Virginia Williams Family Resource Center to Renovated Space

On Oct. 7, Mayor Vincent C. Gray, along with Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Beatriz "BB" Otero, Department of Human Services (DHS) Interim Director Deborah Carroll, Department of General Services (DGS) Director Brian J. Hanlon, representatives from the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) and the Coalition for the Homeless, DHS staff and customers celebrated the renovation of the permanent location for the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC) at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Director Turner was invited to ceremoniously cut the ribbon. In his remarks, the Mayor (pictured center)



acknowledged HUD's role in providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Center services continued uninterrupted at 33 N Street NE for about two years while renovations took place at the VWFRC permanent location on Rhode Island Avenue NE. VWFRC is an integrated service center for homeless families and others experiencing housing instability. With DHS, TCP and the Coalition for the Homeless partnering agencies provide additional on-site services such as assistance with school registration, child support services, and unified case planning. The goal of the integration of services is to better address the needs of homeless families in order to help them achieve their goals and to become more self-sufficient. "We are now able to better serve residents in need by having them centered in a renovated, permanent facility," Mayor Gray said. "I want to acknowledge the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center staff for the work they do daily to keep families out of homeless shelters and provide them with other services such as public benefits, childcare, and employment assistance."

Prince George's County Celebrates CDBG's 40th Birthday

Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (MD) successfully held its 41st Program Year Notice of Funding Availability - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Proposal Workshop for county municipalities, non-profit and other county organizations on Oct. 1. With nearly 90 community leaders attending, the workshop provided technical assistance on the CDBG including federal and local program requirements. The presenters demonstrated ways to effectively apply for CDBG funds and how the County's initiative can benefit, as well as to provide housing and community development services for primarily low-and moderate-income residents in Prince George's County. Joining Director Eric Brown in welcoming the attendees to the workshop were HUD's Director Turner, Community Planning and Development's Michael Rose and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Budget, Finance and Administration in the County Executive's Office Thomas Himler.



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BFO Director Facilitates Healthy Homes Smoke-Free Session at NAHRO

With her background as a registered nurse and public health champion, Baltimore Field Office Director Carol Bryant Payne was perfectly positioned to play an integral role in HUD's Smoke-Free Housing Symposium on Oct. 15. Held as an educational prelude to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Official's (NAHRO) 2014 National Conference in Baltimore, more than 100 attended the day-long event which brought

together smoke-free housing experts with affordable housing providers who were there to learn about the process of effectively adopting, implementing and enforcing a smoke-free policy. Director Payne's role as one of the facilitators of the event allowed her to introduce sessions such as *Available Technical Assistance from Community Partners*, *Legal Issues: Eviction, Reasonable Accommodation, and Vulnerable Residents* and *Administrators' Roundtable: Communicating with Staff and Residents*. These panels provided an opportunity for community partners to provide an overview of their work on smoke-free housing, for legal experts to discuss issues related to the implementation of smoke-free housing policies, and open discussion with administrators to encourage discussion surrounding engaging residents and staff throughout the process of adopting, implementing and enforcing a smoke-free policy. Director Payne and HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Policy and Standards Division Director Peter Ashley, shown above left to right, worked with attendees to identify defined next steps. The event also served as the launch for the release of HUD's new publication, [Change is in the Air: An Action Guide for Establishing Smoke-Free Public Housing and Multifamily Properties](#). As a follow-up to the event, HUD's Baltimore and District of Columbia Field Offices are planning to partner to present a smoke-free summit for the State of Maryland in the spring of 2015.

HUD Secretary Castro Addresses Affordable Housing and Community Development Experts and Advocates in Baltimore

HUD Secretary Julián Castro laid out his vision and shared his optimism for a productive remainder of his term as HUD Secretary as he addressed an audience of more than 1,200 affordable housing and community development experts and advocates at the NAHRO National Conference and Exhibition in Baltimore, MD on Oct. 17. "HUD is the Department of Opportunity, and our collaboration with NAHRO's membership will help improve the lives of public housing residents across the nation," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "Together, we can make housing a platform that connects folks to the education, jobs and other opportunities they need to lift them up and better their lives."

In his short time as HUD Secretary, Castro has so far announced the second Promise Zone competition, awarded \$75 million to help low-income residents receive job training and employment, and awarded 22 housing authorities \$4.2 million in Project-Based HUD-VASH funds. Secretary Castro, below center, poses with NAHRO Fellows including Regional Administrator Vincent, pictured second from right, immediately following his keynote address. "Housing and community development professionals are hopeful that Secretary Castro will be able to expand the number of opportunities for public housing authorities (PHAs) to serve the greatest number of low-income families, children and adults;



strengthen the Administration's commitment to preserving our nation's public housing portfolio; and reduce the burdens associated with the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher program," said Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., chief executive officer of NAHRO. "As Mayor of San Antonio, he helped improve the quality of life for thousands of people with his focus on redeveloping San Antonio's city center through the Decade of Downtown initiative. We're eager to see what he does at the national level." NAHRO also announced the 19 2014 Award of Excellence winners, its newest inductees to the NAHRO Fellows Program, and the winners of Housing America's national 'What Home Means to Me' contest. The theme of the conference was Excel 2014: A Passion for Success, a nod to the

accomplishments PHAs and CDAs make possible thanks to the commitment of their staffs and belief that all people have the right to a safe, quality, and affordable home, and the partnerships between nonprofit, government and private sector organizations. Conference programming included full day HUD Smoke-Free Symposium and a joint NAHRO-USICH Ending Homelessness Symposium. An international delegation of more than 25 from Canada, South Africa, India, France and the Netherlands also attended the event.

Southern Maryland Receives Historic 21 HUD-VASH Vouchers for Veterans

The 2014 Point in Time (PIT) Count for the Tri-County area of Southern Maryland, including Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, was held on Jan. 29 in a pre-determined location in each of the three counties. Director Payne and Senior Management Analyst J.C. Shay, traveled to St. Mary's County to participate in the actual count along Community Planning and Development Director Charles Halm. Prior to the beginning of the count, a training session and briefing was held with the Pax River Naval Air Command volunteers in the use of the counting document to be filled out on each individual experiencing homelessness. Director Payne congratulated the training leaders and participants on the great job they were doing to realize an effective count and on the Continuum of Care's streamlining of the counting document. Ms. Payne also interviewed two individuals experiencing homelessness who came into the Three Oaks Center to fill out the necessary PIT documentation. As a result of the collaboration between the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) who supported the count with a \$10,000 planning grant, the leadership of the three counties, Director Payne, HUD's Field Policy and Management and Community Planning and Development teams, the place-based effort resulted in an increase from 41 to 68 veterans experiencing homelessness, a gain of 27, from the 2013 to the 2014 counts. With the support of HUD's Office of Public Housing and Congressional Relations, Maryland Governor's Office and the three County Executives; southern Maryland has received 21 HUD-VASH vouchers—an extraordinary effort to provide veterans with housing opportunities. The Tri-County PIT Count project is a superlative example of collaboration, communication and cooperation at all levels of HUD as an overarching strategy to complete local, community-based efforts.



Demographics Help Drive Growing Demand for Affordable Rental Housing

An increasing number of Maryland households are putting off homeownership and choosing to rent, according to a [special report on affordable rental housing](#) published by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). *Maryland Housing* is a new quarterly publication of DHCD's Office of Research and Statistical Analysis and the Office of Communications and Marketing. The detailed statistical analysis of the state's housing market documents the factors driving up the demand for affordable rental housing and how the state has helped finance the record production of new and preserved affordable housing in response. "Every Marylander, whether they own their home or rent, deserves the opportunity to live in places that are decent, safe and affordable," said Governor O'Malley in a message in the publication. The O'Malley-Brown administration's balanced approach to housing includes expanding access to

homeownership through programs such as the Maryland Mortgage Program, fighting to help financially beleaguered homeowners save their homes through reform of the foreclosure process and financing one of the most aggressive building booms of affordable rental housing in the state's history using federal low income housing tax credits and state resources such as the Rental Housing Works initiative. DHCD has over 80 affordable rental housing projects throughout the state in various stages of construction or underwriting according to Acting Secretary Clarence Snuggs. The report cites the peak in the DHCD's history and that the projects will enable the Department to leverage many times that amount from federal and private sources, adding significantly to the state's economy.

Events & Announcements

- **Nov. 5, 12:30 to 3 p.m.** – Wabash Estates Co-Op Apartments Dedication, 5500 Wabash Ave., Baltimore, MD. CSI Support and Development and members of the cooperative celebrate their official opening. To RSVP, please call (410) 563-8018 or email Stacey.Phelps@csi.coop.
- **Nov. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Volunteers of America Chesapeake's 1st Annual Veteran's Stand Down, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD. The day-long event is designed to help aid in the combat of the increasing number of homeless female veterans in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area by providing services to homeless veterans and those at risk of becoming homeless. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).
- **Nov. 12, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** – Weinberg Foundation's Annual Community Gathering, Beth El Congregation, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Pikesville, MD. The Weinberg Foundation will celebrate its mission, partnerships, and accomplishments of 2014. To RSVP, please contact Yvonne Sporrer at (443) 738-1185 or yvsporrer@hjweinberg.org.



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Housing Authority of Chester County Honored by NAHRO

On Oct. 17, the Housing Authority of Chester County (HACC) was honored to receive the prestigious Excellence in Housing award presented by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The award was for innovative project design of the Fairview Village housing development constructed in Phoenixville, PA. It was one of an elite group of nineteen presented at NAHRO's national conference in Baltimore, MD. Confronted with the swelling demand on its outmoded stock of affordable housing, the HACC partnered with developer Pennrose Properties to

revitalize the 40 year-old, 25 unit community of Fairview Village. This innovative approach resulted in a new development of 36 Energy Star 3.0 rated townhouses spread along tree-lined streets reminiscent of bucolic Chester County landscape. Each front door of the community is painted a unique color to reinforce to each family a sense of ownership and place. Fairview Village is proof that one's income or status need not be a barrier to safe, comfortable, and community oriented housing. Pictured in the official photograph from left to right are: Preston Prince, President of NAHRO; John McDonald of KSM Architects; Dale Gravett, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Chester County; Kyle Speece of Pennrose Properties and Saul Ramirez, CEO of NAHRO.

Pennsylvania Adds Measures to Assist Homeless Infants and Toddlers

Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Corbett signed House Bill 2204, the homeless infants and babies' bill, on Oct. 14. This action can be expected to build a new level of cooperation between county-based human services and homeless systems in unique ways throughout Pennsylvania. It is an example of connecting homeless service providers with mainstream systems, as HUD and USICH are eagerly promoting. HB 2204 amends the Early Intervention Services Act of 1990 to add a sixth category of at-risk children to trigger automatic tracking of an infant or toddler by early intervention services. An estimated 6,000 Pennsylvania infants and toddlers, from birth to 3 years-old, experience homelessness each year according to Joe Willard of the Peoples Emergency Center in Philadelphia. Most are in homeless shelters, and others are in camp grounds or vehicles, some are in temporary housing, or they move from place to place where anyone will take in their family. "We know from pediatricians and researchers that trauma and poverty impact infants and toddlers by leading to low learning capacities, developmentally inappropriate behaviors, and physical and mental health problems. This action can be expected to build a new level of cooperation between county-based human services and homeless systems in unique ways throughout Pennsylvania," cited Willard. "Evidence shows that children who access early intervention services tend to improve their ability to achieve academically when in formal schooling. As the number of children and youth who experience homelessness increases, as recently [reported by PEC's Policy Research Institute](#), the increased participation in Early Intervention can be expected to affect how homeless students achieve. PEC's Policy Research Institute summarizing several data reports on homeless education issues as a way of closing the gap between policy and practice focused on families and children who experience homelessness.

Events & Announcements

- **Nov. 17, Noon to 8:30 p.m.** – Homelessness Affinity Summit, Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania Homes Within Reach Conference, Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg, PA. HUD Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs' Ann Oliva will kick-off the event with a session on the Implementation of HEARTH. Acting Deputy Assistant Oliva is leading the charge nationally to change the experience of homeless, to shorten durations, focus on a home instead of shelter and transitional housing and to empower Continuums of Care to use data, evidence and tracking. To register, visit the [Homes Within Reach website](#).
- **On Dec. 2**, HUD will host a [Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness Roundtable](#) in its Philadelphia Regional Office for mayors and county officials who have joined the challenge to end veteran homelessness by 2015. The day will feature panel discussions and brainstorming sessions on how to build coalitions and organize efforts for maximum results; available resources and technical assistance; and housing placement options and promising practices. For more information, please contact Lyn Kirshenbaum at (215) 430.6695 or via email at k.lyn.kirshenbaum@hud.gov.

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STAND DOWN: Serving Local Homeless Veterans

The Veterans Leadership Program, VA, HUD and Other Community Partners Aim for Collective Impact

On Oct. 25, 330 veterans and 240 civilians experiencing homelessness enjoyed the rapt attention of multiple community partners as agencies, organizations and caring individuals offered everything from new socks, to haircuts, to housing lists for those in need. STAND DOWN has become an annual event in Pittsburgh hosted by The Veterans Leadership Program and is supported by over 30 service providers. Each year veterans help veterans as volunteers, serving breakfast and lunch, distributing groceries via a pop-up pantry stocked by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and much more. Free flu shots were also offered by Operation Safety Net. Throughout the day the feeling of camaraderie and compassion was apparent to all in attendance. Pictured left to right Al Mercer, Executive Director of The Veteran's Leadership Program, Mary Francis Pilarski, VA Homeless Coordinator and HUD Senior Management Analyst Cindy Haines.



HUD Capacity Building and Partnership Forum Offers Strategies for Fiscal Sustenance and Survival: *Diversified Funding Streams and Social Enterprise and Sustainability Highlighted*

What do Goodwill Industries, The Oregon Pub House and DC Central Kitchen all have in common? All are non-profit social enterprises. What do Plum Organics, Dansko Shoes and Method Products have in common? All are for-profit social enterprises. On Sept. 26, forty community agencies and organizations in Erie, PA attended a HUD Capacity Building and Partnership Forum where the nexus between business and charity was explored through the lens of social enterprise. Participants learned about organizational development, strategic planning, grant writing and how to create local match and leveraging opportunities. Social entrepreneurship was the theme of afternoon, as attendees explored

market advantages, innovative business models and job training opportunities for the non-profits they currently work with. Discussion revolved around creating a financial and social return on investments made, while becoming self-sustaining and enhancing their non-profit mission and vision. Survival tactics are the order of the day as more agencies create paradigms for diversifying their funding base while continuing to serve the public good. Federal Capacity Building Partners pictured from left to right are VA Homeless Coordinator Michael Wehrer, HUD Senior Management Analyst Cindy Haines and Small Business Administration District Director Kelly Hunt at the Erie event.

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh is committed to Ending Veteran Homelessness

Across the country, approximately 49,933 Veterans experience homelessness on any given night. In 2009, the Obama Administration committed to ending homelessness by 2015 and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has taken up the call. To further the agency's efforts to end veteran homelessness, the HACP is proud to announce our award of 25 HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. The Authority is appealing to owners of rental properties who would consider participating in a program that has helped thousands of veterans and their families overcome the challenges of homelessness and lead independent lives. The HACP is seeking landlords and property owners within the City of Pittsburgh who are interested in providing homes for deserving Veterans. To register your interest in providing housing for a local veteran, please contact: Stacy Pethia, Landlord Outreach Coordinator by calling (412) 456-5000, ext. 4004 or email.

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Events & Announcements

- **Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** – Homeless Children's Education Fund presents Summit V: Stuck in Survival (Building Support for Couch Surfers, Travelers, and Other Homeless Youth.), Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center, Pittsburgh, PA. Through the support of Highmark, BNY Mellon, and the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, the Homeless Children's Education Fund is proud to present the 2014 Summit, a free seminar focusing this year on unaccompanied youth. Act 48 and continuing education hours are available to Pennsylvania educators and social workers who attend. [Pre-Registration](#) is required. For more information, contact mhershberger@homelessfund.org.



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Virginia Governor’s Conference on Housing Tour Showcases LEED Learning Center and Environmental Award Winner

Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent, Richmond Field Office Director Carrie Schmidt and Management Analyst Anne Davis joined housing and community development professionals to kick off the 2014 Virginia Governor’s Housing Conference with a bus tour of Norfolk. The tour began at the Grandy Village Learning Center, which opened in September 2010.

Grandy Village, a 44-acre assisted-rental property built in 1953, has been undergoing a transformation to a quality mixed-income community with future market rental and homeownership opportunities. The 15,000-square-foot, \$4.1 million Learning Center is 30-40 percent more energy efficient than conventional buildings and has received Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), making it the first building in Norfolk to qualify for this LEED level. The Center showcases state-of-the-art environmental design, wetlands reclamation, as well as aquatic education and recreation on the Elizabeth River. The tour included a visit to the Elizabeth River Project’s “Learning Barge,” recently awarded a gold medal for the 2014 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards. The Learning Barge is a mobile environmental education center known as the world’s first floating wetlands classroom and America’s “Greenest Vessel,” designed to offer a closer look at the challenges facing the watershed. After seeing the redevelopment activities highlighted by Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) staff, the bus tour continued to the nearby Salvation Army’s Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, a \$35-million, 92,000-square-foot fitness and wellness center in at Broad Creek that in addition to a large gym, pool and fitness areas, the mega-facility also has a worship space and performing arts theatre. Pictured left to right, HUD’s Anne Davis, Jane C.W. Vincent and Carrie Schmidt take a time-out on the tour. Photograph courtesy of NRHA.



Congratulations!

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority were among only 13 Housing Authorities in the country to receive [awards](#) from HUD’s [Capital Fund Emergency/Natural Disaster Funding](#) program. The funds will be used to support emergency, safety and security needs at public housing developments. The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority will receive \$250,000 to purchase and install lighting systems at Creighton Homes, Gilpin Homes, Hillside Court, Mosby Court, and Whitcomb Homes, to improve security and monitoring. The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority will receive \$245,000 to purchase and install security cameras and lighting at Marshall Courts to improve security and monitoring.

The [Governor’s Technology Award for Innovation](#) was awarded to the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#) (VDEM) Public Affairs Office for the free [Ready Virginia](#) app, **a mobile application which informs Virginians of oncoming weather threats specific to their geolocation, along with tools and safety information to help citizens be prepared.** The award was presented at the 2014 Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium (COVITS) held in Short Pump, with award recipients and attendees from state and local agencies across the Commonwealth. The Ready Virginia app is free to download on the Apple App Store and on Google Play for Android.

The **City of Roanoke** will be awarded **\$1,993,937** in [Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant](#) funding and an additional **\$185,127** in [Healthy Homes Initiative](#) funding. The City of Roanoke will address **lead hazards in 85 housing units** providing safer homes for low and very low-income families with children. Roanoke will also perform **healthy homes assessments in 85 units**, through collaboration with a diverse set of local partners. For more information about this grant, contact Bob Clement at (540)853-5210 or email bob.clement@roanokeva.gov.

The [National Housing and Rehabilitation Association](#) awarded the newly-renovated **Warwick Single Room Occupancy apartments in Newport News with a J. Timothy Anderson (“Timmy”) Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation**. The Warwick, restored in 1928 as a luxury hotel, was the center of downtown Newport News activity before going vacant as a result of the urban area’s decline. [Community Housing Partners](#) (CHP) acquired the property and turned it into 88 single-room occupancy apartments for people who were previously homeless in 2013. Renovations were funded in part with state and federal historic tax credits and included a new roof, updated plumbing, windows, HVAC upgrades and more. The [Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority](#) and the [Virginia Housing Development Authority](#) partnered with CHP for the project.

Two Virginia cities will receive part of the \$600 million U.S. Dept. of Transportation is providing for 72 transportation projects in 46 states and the District of Columbia, from its [2014 TIGER](#) (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) program. **Richmond’s \$24.9 million award will be used for the construction of the Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit and Norfolk’s \$15 million award will be used for construction at the Norfolk International Terminals.**

Governor Terry McAuliffe has [announced](#) that Virginia was selected by the U.S. Dept. of Labor (DOL) to receive an **\$11.9 million grant to advance employment and financial literacy for 1,800 Virginians in challenging environments**. Virginia received the largest single grant award of any organization or state in the \$50.7 million DOL Workforce Fund grant competition which awarded funds to 11 organizations in nine states.

Events & Announcements

- **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/>.
- **Nov. 30 through Dec. 6** – **Virginia Winter Preparedness Week**. Winter storms can be severe and dangerous. Don’t get left out in the cold and dark—visit [Ready Virginia](#) for more about preparing for winter weather in Virginia.
- **Dec. 1** – Applications are due for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development [Building Entrepreneurial Economies](#) (BEE) grants.

WEST VIRGINIA



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YWCA Executive Director Receives National Recognition from USA Networks

Charleston YWCA Executive Director Debby Weinstein was one of ten recipients of the USA Network’s 2014 Characters Unite Award for her extraordinary efforts in combating hate, intolerance and discrimination, and contributions in promoting greater tolerance, respect and acceptance in her community. In addition to the award, Debby received a \$5,000 grant to support the work of the YWCA. According to the website posting at charactersunite.org, Ms. Weinstein was recognized for her work overseeing programs that serve thousands of struggling individuals in her community, including homeless women and their families, children of low-income families and

victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. Debby’s work with the YWCA began more than 30 years ago, when in 1983 she became the first director of YWCA Sojourner’s Shelter for Homeless Women and Families. Over the years her efforts have ranged from answering crisis hotlines and cleaning shelters to creating mission-driven impactful programs and building a high-profile network of supporters for the organization, a task she made top priority when she became Executive Director in 1997. In all of her efforts, Debby places the YWCA mission of eliminating racism and empowering women first and foremost. She works tirelessly to ensure that all of the programs under her direction are fulfilling the mission and assisting program participants in re-claiming independent, productive lives. It is the plight and the subsequent accomplishments of the women, children and families the YWCA serves in Kanawha, Clay and Boone counties that continue to inspire her work.

Morgantown residents can now apply for home repair funds through the Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority's Community Development Block Grant. Repairs can include roofs, windows, flooring, plumbing, and more. The programs include a home improvement loan, an emergency repair grant, rental rehabilitation loan, and a barrier free grant. "So if a homeowner needs grants for ramps, grab bars, accessibility, binding of doors, we can use the funding for that. It's a one-time grant. There's no lean or deed of trust against the property for those," said housing rehabilitation specialist Amy Hammond. Applications can be picked up at the Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority in Marion County. [Watch how CDBG funds are helping residents in need of home repairs](#). For more information, call Amy Hammond at (304) 363-0860, x121.

MTM, Inc. to Provide Key Transportation Assistance in the Mountain State

Organized by HUD's Evie Williams, each month the Community Education Resource Council hosts a Community Resource Education/Capacity Roundtable meeting in Charleston, WV. The Capacity Roundtable is a group of individuals and agencies that are working to increase knowledge of available services and providers and to enhance service delivery throughout the state. At the September gathering, it was announced that MTM, Inc. is the state's new non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) broker. MTM will assist the State of West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) in reaching their goal of improving the health and well-being of Medicaid members by providing efficient, reliable and safe transportation. MTM, Inc. is committed to a smooth transition of NEMT for BMS members and is growing the transportation provider network in by conducting driver training sessions, credentialing drivers, inspecting vehicles and providing cultural sensitivity training. MTM's leadership team is excited about establishing solid relationships between Medicaid members, medical facilities, and transportation providers.

Events & Announcements

- **Nov. 10 through 11** – West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy's Summit on Race Relations, Charleston, WV. The Summit will offer a unique opportunity for people from throughout West Virginia to participate in a constructive, in-depth conversation about the complicated history of race relations and racial inequality in the state. Participants will examine the causes and consequences of structural inequities that exist across social, political, education and financial systems and how those inequities negatively affect everyone. It will encourage strong leaders, working together, to commit themselves to building a community that improves the well-being of all West Virginians. For more information, contact Linda Frame at the Center by calling (304) 720-8682 or email lframe@wvpolicy.org.
- **Nov. 18** – Community Education Resource Council's Education/Capacity Roundtable, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resource, Kanawha County, 4190 W. Washington Street, Charleston, WV 25313. West Virginia Alliance for Sustainable Families will conduct training on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Internal Revenue Service. Space is limited. RSVP requested. Please contact Evie Williams of HUD's West Virginia Field Office by email Evie.Williams@hud.gov.
- **Nov. 20, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** – 5th Annual West Virginia Partnership for Elder Living Partner Summit: Looking for the Future of Aging and Caregiving at Riggleman Hall, University of Charleston, 2300 MacCorkle Ave. SE, Charleston, WV. Nationally-renowned gerontology researcher, Dr. Robert Applebaum to provide the keynote address. Online registration is available on the [WVPEL website](#).

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.
- **Nov. 5** – Applications from public and nonprofit entities are due for the Center for Community Progress's new competitive [Technical Assistance Scholarship Program](#) designed to address large-scale vacancy and abandonment in communities.
- **Nov. 12** – 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.
- **Nov. 14** – Applications are due for the Knight Foundation's new [Cities Challenge](#) which aims to give out \$5 million over the next three years to fund projects that help cities be more successful. [Ideas approved for funding](#) will be implemented in one of the 26 cities where the Knight Brothers owned newspapers and where the foundation tends to invest.
- **Nov. 24** – Applications are due for U.S. Department of Treasury lending funds and technical assistance funds for [Community Development Financial Institutions, potential CDFIs](#), and [Native American CDFIs](#). For more information, contact [CDFI Fund staff](#), (202) 653-0421.
- **Dec. 15** – Applications are due for the National Endowment for the Arts' [Our Town Competition](#) to support creative, economically-competitive, healthy, resilient and opportunity-rich communities. Please also note a new NEA [website](#) on creative placemaking.
- **DUE Dec. 19** – Request for Proposals are due for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [FY 2015 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants](#). These brownfields grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Opportunities for funding are as follows: [Brownfields Assessment Grants](#) (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; Assessment Coalitions are funded up to \$600,000 over three years) and [Brownfields Cleanup Grants](#) (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). Please note that applicants who received an Assessment grant from EPA in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) are eligible to apply under this competition. If the applicant was a member of a coalition that was awarded a grant in FY14, that applicant is also eligible to apply under this assessment competition. EPA will host an [informational webinar](#) to assist applicants with understanding the Assessment and Cleanup Grant Guidelines and in applying for the grants on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. EST.

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