

MIAMI FIELD OFFICE

# HUD Highlights

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT HUD IN SOUTH FLORIDA

## Welcome to Miami Field Office, HUD Highlights

This is our first edition, which we hope you will find informative. All of the content is available on HUD's website, however we have chosen tidbits of information that we feel you will find informative and/or useful. Future additions will also include original local content.

This new quarterly e-newsletter, will provide you with both national and local information on HUD happenings. To kick off the new year this edition provides information on the Super NOFA registration, Updates on disaster funds, including HUD's \$180 million CDBG contribution for hurricane recovery and mitigation for hurricane Wilma; the latest in Section 8 and Public Housing, and other initiatives that you may find of interest. The document is interactive. If you need more information just click on the underlined word and it will take you there.

If you receive this newsletter from a friend and would like to receive your own copy, sign up for our mailing list. We welcome your feedback and ideas, so tell us how we can make this a more valuable resource for you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,  
Armando Fana,  
Miami Field Office Director

### Violence Against Women Act Implementation

HUD issued a new form (50066) to be used by public housing residents and persons assisted under the Section 8 rental assistance programs to certify that they are victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.

Under the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), delivery of a written certification on a [HUD-approved form](#) is one method by which a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may invoke the protections contained in VAWA against termination of tenancy or rental assistance and certain other protections. Public housing agencies and Section 8 owners and managers should take immediate actions to implement VAWA pending HUD's issuance of regulations.

### CDBG Disaster Recovery Grants - Training

Are you one of the eleven counties in Florida eligible for HUD Disaster Recovery funds? Please remember that CDBG Disaster Recovery Grants are administered by the State.

It is important to check the [Florida Department of Community Affairs](#) website for deadlines, contacts, etc. Also, don't miss the workshop organized by the state, scheduled for January 18, 2007 in Miami Beach. Topics include environmental review, procurement and several important topics on grant administration. See you there.

*PS. Remember to bookmark this site, as all information related to these grants is only available there.*

## Stay Tuned For Hud Section 3 Training

The HUD Section 3 program helps low-income residents gain the skills and jobs needed to become self-sufficient. The program also provides opportunities for qualified, low-income business owners to receive preference in bidding on HUD-funded contracts. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be providing training for local governments, housing authorities, businesses and low-income residents on the opportunities available under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. For more information about the Section 3 training contact your [local](#) HUD office.

## The Money Follows The Person

On October 5, 2006, a letter from Secretary Alfonso Jackson was sent to all PHA Executive Directors introducing the [Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Initiative](#) of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Initiative intends to promote the transition of persons with disabilities and seniors out of institutional settings and into the community. Secretary Jackson's letter encourages Public Housing Authorities to set local preferences to use public housing units, Housing Choice Vouchers and mainstream vouchers to join with state Medicaid offices and aging and disability agencies.

## Housing Assistance: When In Doubt, Check The Regs

Sometimes you just want to check for yourself; sometimes you need it to support a decision. Access to the Code of Federal Regulations governing the Section 8 and public housing programs (CFR parts 700-1007) is available [on-line](#), and it has an index to help you find what you are looking for. We are always here if you need clarification but at least you know where to begin.

## Fiscal Year 2007 Notice Of Opportunity To Register Early

To participate in the HUD grants program, you need to be registered with Grants.gov. To assist with the registration process, HUD has developed a [document](#) on how to register. You then need to apply for grant opportunities. Please see the [brochure](#) to find all the details.

The Department has published this [Early Registration Notice](#) in October 2006 for potential applicants applying for funding under HUD's competitive grant programs available. This Notice provides information to help applicants better understand the electronic submission process