

HUD HEARTLAND NEWS

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CALENDAR:

March 15 - Tribal Information Meeting & Continuum of Care Program
 March 24 - Homeless Consortium Meeting
 April - Fair Housing Tour 2022



Introducing Dominique Jackson



It is our great honor to introduce Dominique Jackson, who has been appointed to serve as Region VIII Administrator. Regional Administrator Jackson comes to us with a long and admirable record of service both representing and fighting on behalf of communities in support of housing and economic development. She deeply believes that housing is a human right and looks forward to advancing HUD's mission across the region.

We're also pleased to report that she is the first regional administrator to join HUD's ranks in this Administration, and with her arrival, Region VIII is ideally positioned to deliver on the agency's goals and Secretary Fudge's vision. She brings a tremendous wealth of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm in creating policy on environmental justice and sustainability, and strategies that deliver healthcare, transportation and consumer rights to individuals and families in need. Additionally, she has a proven background in responding to the COVID-19 crisis for vulnerable communities across Colorado. We are genuinely thrilled that she has again answered the call to serve.

SINGLE FAMILY UPDATES

REO Property Purchase Opportunities

Starting March 1, 2022, the listing period for new listings of “insured” or “insured with escrow” single family homes on HUD’s HomeStore [website](#) will increase from 15 days to 30 days for individuals, families, HUD-approved nonprofit organizations, and government entities. These properties are eligible for FHA-insured financing under the FHA 203(b) program – they meet FHA’s minimum property standards and may only require repairs up to \$10,000. Read the entire [press release](#).



Sioux Falls Residents Receive Funding for Home Repairs



Before Rehabilitation



After Rehabilitation

Housing is in short supply in Sioux Falls, which means it is vital to preserve the existing housing stock. The City of Sioux Falls Housing Division continues to assist in preserving Sioux Falls housing stock with their Single Family Rehab program. The City offers a no-interest, deferred loan up to \$35,000 for home owners who live inside city limits and have a household Area Median Income (AMI) of less than 80%. In 2021, the City expended over \$500,00 of federal CDBG funds and City General funds, rehabbing 37 homes with another 43 homes in progress. Eligible repairs include siding, roof, windows, electrical, HVAC and plumbing. Applications are accepted any time of year and can be requested by calling (605) 367-8180 or visiting the Housing Division website: [Single-Family Rehabilitation Program - City of Sioux Falls](#).

FHA Single Family Releases Loan Limits

FHA announced the new calendar year 2022 single-family loan limits for all Title II forward and Home Equity Conversion (HECM) or reverse mortgages effective for case numbers assigned on/after January 1, 2022. The loan limits saw a substantial increase due to continued robust housing prices, which is added into the statutorily mandated calculations that FHA uses to determine the loan limits every year.

The FHA floor limits have increased from \$356,362 to \$420,680 for the low-cost areas. The FHA loan limit ceiling in high-cost areas increased from \$822,375 to \$970,800. The HECM maximum claim amount increased from \$822,375 to \$970,800, which is the same for both high-cost and low-cost areas. Read the [press release](#).



SD Single Family FHA Information

FY2022 Statistics

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
Loans Insured	223	233	189
First-Time Homebuyers	123	142	106
Minority Homebuyers	113	119	86
Default Rate	3.64%	3.56%	3.63%
Foreclosures	85	98	134

REO Properties

Acquired	1	1	1
Sold	1	5	5
Owned	26	28	24

FUNDING UPDATES

Shelter Receives \$2M Grant

The Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center (Pierre, SD) took a big step closer to its new shelter after announcing they received a \$2.02 million [Community Development Block Grant CARES Act](#) funding on Jan. 10. The grant was awarded by the Governor's Office of Economic Development to the City of Pierre, with Missouri Shores a sub-recipient. The estimated construction cost for the new shelter is nearly \$3.6 million.

Its future location has already been chosen, with the purchase agreement in place with the remaining funds coming in through other grants, gifts and donations.



The current shelter is sometimes beyond capacity. The current one-floor facility is about 5,000 square feet, with nine client rooms. The new two-story facility would have 11 client rooms on the upper floor, similar to hotel rooms with a sleeping area and an attached bathroom. Two more Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant client rooms will be on the main floor. The main floor will also hold shared kitchen, living and laundry areas. About half the main floor, attached through a locked door, will have offices for seven full-time workers and a conference area. The total will be a little more than 10,000 square feet, not including the basement under the office area as the mechanical room and donation and file storage area. The shelter isn't just growing its building's footprint. Missouri Shores also plans to increase staffing, adding two additional full-time employees and the move would increase their case management capacity.

SDHDA Awards \$11.8M for Affordable Housing

Affordable housing in South Dakota is getting a boost with South Dakota Housing Development Authority's announcement of the awarding of \$11.8 million. There were 24 projects that received the funding to include: 183 new multifamily housing units, 8 single family homes, 36 multifamily housing units to be rehabbed, 84 homebuyers to be provided downpayment assistance, 23 homes to be rehabbed, and 28 households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to be provided services and financial support.

The funding includes \$4.4 million in [HUD's HOME Investment Partnership Program](#), \$2.8 million in Housing Opportunity Funds, \$2.7 million in Housing Tax Credits, and \$1.9 million in Housing Trust Funds. To find out about the projects awarded, visit [SDHDA's website](#).

South Dakota Tribal Communities Receive Funding



On December 7, 2021, HUD announced the awarding of more than \$52 million in Indian Community Block Grant-American Rescue Plan (ICDBG-ARP) funding across the U.S. In SD, the Lower Brule Housing Authority received over \$1 million. This will help with the shortage of housing by allowing the housing authority to purchase 5 manufactured homes.



On January 18, 2022, HUD announced the awarding of more than \$83 million in ICDBG-ARP funding. In SD, the Oglala Sioux Tribe received over \$3.4 million. The Oglala Sioux Tribe will replace infrastructure equipment which will allow 30 homes to be connected to the water supply. It will also allow the Tribe to rehabilitate up to 100 housing units.

SDHDA Receives Housing Counseling Grants

On January 24, 2022, the South Dakota Housing Development Authority was awarded \$253,570 in housing counseling grants. Since 1998, SDHDA has administered HUD's Housing Counseling Grant program for housing counseling providers across South Dakota.



NEW FACES & OTHER NEWS

Matt Cerny Joins HUD

We are excited to announce that Matt Cerny has joined the Sioux Falls HUD Office as a Program Analyst, bringing over six years' experience working with HOME and CDBG programs for the City of Sioux Falls.



Matt also has eight years of experience working in economic development in rural communities and several years' experience in apartment management. Matt will work with diverse partners to explore and work towards housing and economic goals for the communities. Matt will also engage with South Dakota's state and local stakeholders and constituents. Please welcome [Matt Cerny](#) to HUD!

Success Story: Thrive's Retention Specialist Program a Win-Win



Sioux Falls HUD Director Roger Jacobs (far left) and the rest of the Thrive's Housing Action Team members

A year ago we published the beginning of Sioux Falls [Thrive's](#) Housing Action Team Housing Retention Specialist Program. In the past year, with the help of a \$200,000 grant from The Bush Foundation and East River Legal Services, the program is a big success and has prevented 20 families from being evicted.

Allison Thompson, the Housing Retention Specialist, helps families find the resources they need such as child care, food, and transportation. Oftentimes families are unaware of these resources and are in need of the emotional and social support.

HUD Issues Notice Requiring Carbon Monoxide Alarms or Detectors in Assisted Housing

HUD's Offices of Public and Indian Housing, Multifamily Housing Programs, and Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes posted a joint [Notice](#) on January 31, 2022, requiring carbon monoxide alarms or detectors in their HUD-assisted housing programs starting December 27, 2022.

The notice reminds owners and operators of Public Housing, Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Project Based Vouchers (PBV), Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202) and Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811) properties of carbon monoxide poisoning risks in housing, identifies resources for preventing and detecting exposure, and provides notice of the requirement for alarms or detectors to be installed in certain HUD-assisted housing by December 27, 2022.

New Public Housing Director in Denver OPH

We are excited to announce Zach Urban as the new Director of Public Housing in Denver. Zach has provided guidance and leadership on the development of affordable housing projects across Colorado.



Zach has written ordinances, drafted legislation, and developed program guidelines and policy standards for a variety of industries to include Housing Authorities. He has served on boards, commissions and appointments at both state and local levels. Zach holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Colorado State University. Welcome to HUD, Zach!

Mission of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.