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Funding Announcements

HUD Awards \$5.6 Billion in Annual Grants for Affordable Housing, Community Development, and Homeless Assistance

On February 27, 2023, HUD <u>announced</u> \$5.6 billion in funding will go to 1,200 communities through more than 2,400 grants to states, urban counties, insular areas, DC, Puerto Rico, and local organizations across the country. These annual formula grants provide critical funding for a wide range of activities including affordable housing, community development, and homeless assistance.

The Community Development Block Grants (<u>CDBG</u>) provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, counties, and insular areas to develop stronger, more resilient communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (<u>HOME</u>) is the primary Federal tool of States and local governments to produce affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for low-income families. Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) provides funds for homeless shelters, assists in the operation of local shelters, and funds related social service and homeless prevention programs. To view a complete list of all the communities who received funding, go to HUD's website.

NAME	CDBG	HOME	ESG
State of SD	\$5,790,145	\$3,000,000	\$639,874
Rapid City	\$533,286	\$0	\$0
Sioux Falls	\$1,077,563	\$585,073	\$0

HUD Awards Affordable Housing for Native American Communities

HUD recently awarded more than \$36.7 million in Indian Housing Block Grant (<u>IHBG</u>) formula funding for SD Native American Tribes. To learn more, go to HUD's <u>website</u>.





HUD Awards Over \$1.4 Million to Homeless Programs

On March 28, 2023, HUD <u>awarded</u> over \$1.4 million to members of the South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium . The <u>Continuum of Care</u> grants provide housing for the homeless as well as job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, and child care.

HUD Allocates \$382 Million to Help States Produce Affordable Housing

On May 3, 2023, HUD <u>allocated</u> \$382 million through the nation's <u>Housing Trust</u> <u>Fund</u>. The State of South Dakota was allocated \$3,000,537 for 2023.

"We're proud to invest in states to create more affordable housing," said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. "The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to improving the nation's housing affordability crisis and the Housing Trust Fund provides communities resources they need to produce more safe, sustainable and affordable housing."

The Housing Trust Fund is being capitalized through contributions made by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. One hundred percent of funds must be used for extremely low-income families. This targeting ensures the priority of this program is helping those with the greatest needs.

HUD Announces \$30.3 Billion Available for Affordable Housing `

On April 13, 2023, HUD <u>announced</u> the availability of \$30.3 billion for the housing choice voucher program for 2023, a 10.5 percent increase over the prior year. HUD awarded \$27 billion of the #30.3 billion to public housing authorities (PHAs) to renew assistance for the 2.3 million low income households that currently utilitize housing vouchers. South Dakota PHAs received \$33,045,069, an increase of over \$2 million from 2022.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HUD Awards Public Housing Authorities

HUD recently <u>awarded</u> more than \$3.16 billion in funding to nearly 2,770 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to make capital investments in their public housing stock. The funds are provided through HUD's Capital Fund Program and are used to build, renovate, and modernize the public housing units in their communities. The funds can be used for large-scale improvements such as new roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems. PHAs in South Dakota received \$3,786,045.

South Dakota Housing Development Authority Announces Housing Opportunity Funds Available



The South Dakota Housing Development Authority recently <u>announced</u> Housing Opportunity Fund program funds are available for nonprofit and for-profit entities, tribal governments, housing authorities, and political subdivisions or agencies in South Dakota. The funds are used for the purchase and rehabilitation of rental or homeownership housing and for new construction and rehabilitation of housing. Applications are due by 5:00 pm CST on June 30, 2023.

HUD Announces New Funding to Improve Housing Quality and Reduce Energy Costs for Multifamily Housing

On May 11, 2023, HUD <u>announced</u> \$837.5 million in grant and loan subsidy funding and \$4 billion in loan commitment authority is available for the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP). The GRRP's intention is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy and water efficiency and climate resilience of HUD-assisted multifamily properties. The announcement also includes \$42.5 million for a new initiative to be released later this summer to collect and assess energy and water usage data from HUD-assisted multifamily properties. Multifamily property owners will use the funding for solar panels, heat pumps, wind-resistant roofing, insulation, etc. Applications for the funding are available through the Notices of Funding Opportunity <u>website</u>.

Trainings Held in South Dakota

South Dakota Field Office partners with FHEO for Fair Housing Trainings

On April 25-27, 2023, to celebrate Fair Housing Month, the South Dakota HUD Field Office coordinated with the Denver Regional Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) to provide fair housing training in South Dakota. FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief, Christopher Vogel and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist, Tina Rupp presented two sessions in Rapid City, one in Pierre, and one in Chamberlain, providing an overview of the Fair Housing laws and Section 504. There were a total of 102 rental, real estate, and lending professionals that attended the trainings. Each session included lively discussion from the audience on timely issues and questions they were facing.



L:R: Tina Rupp, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist and FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Christopher Vogel present at the Fair Housing Training in Rapid City on April 25, 2023

HUD South Dakota Field Office collaborates with Denver Homeownership Center to provide FHA 101 Training

During the weeks of April 10th and 17th, 2023, the South Dakota HUD Field Office collaborated with the <u>Denver Homeownership Center</u> to provide FHA 101 training to mortgage lenders as part of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority's annual lender training. South Dakota Housing Authority is the state housing finance agency established to help meet the affordable housing needs of the residents of the state. Four training sessions were held in Sioux Falls and were led by Sioux Falls HUD Field Office Director, Roger Jacobs.

Two additional sessions were held in Rapid City and were led by Senior Underwriter for the Denver Homeownership Center, Shelly Dean. Over 300 loan officers, originators, processors, underwriters, closers and post-closing professionals attended the sessions. Each session provided background on FHA - its roles and responsibilities, programs and products available, and where to find FHA resources.



L:R: Shelly Dean, Senior Underwriter and Roger Jacobs, Field Office Director, present at the South Dakota NAHRO Conference on April 19, 2023

HUD South Dakota Field Office Leads Session on Medical Marijuana Use in Public Housing at SD NAHRO Conference

On April 11, 2023, the South Dakota HUD Office participated in the South Dakota National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (<u>NAHRO</u>) Round Table Conference in Pierre. The conference gathered redevelopment and housing officials from across South Dakota to discuss such topics as marijuana use in public housing, Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act (HOTMA), and the South Dakota Drug Task Force.

Field Office Director Roger Jacobs led a session titled "Medical Marijuana Use in Public Housing and HCV Programs." The session provided an overview of HUD regulations regarding its use and facilitated lively discussion from the participants on the enforcement and application of those reglations.

NAHRO is a membership organization of almost 20,000 housing and community development providers and professionals throughout the United States. NAHRO members create and manage affordable housing for Low and middle income families, and support vibrant communities that enhance the quality of life for all.



Field Office Director Roger Jacobs presents at the South Dakota NAHRO Conference on April 11, 2023

Other News

HUD Releases 2023 Income Limits

On May 15, 2023, HUD released the <u>income limits</u> for the current fiscal 2023 year. Public housing authorities use income limits to qualify individuals and families for HUD programs. HUD sets the lower income limits at 80% and very low income limits at 50% of the median income for the county or metropolitan area in which an individual or family resides. Income limits vary from area to area so an individual or family may be eligible at one housing authority but not at another.

National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

The National Maternal Mental Health hotline 1(833) 852-6262 provides free, confidential, 24/7 emotional support, resources and referrals to pregnant and postpartum individuals facing mental health challenges, and their loved ones. Professional counselors offer support via phone and text and interpreter services are available in 60 languages.

Promotional materials (posters, wallet cards, and magnets) are available free of charge, or as printable and electronic materials on Health Resources and Services Administration's <u>website</u>. There is also a toolkit available for partners that can help health care professionals and providers promote the Hotline through various platforms such as newsletter, social media, workshops, and event direct client services.



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