

HUD HEARTLAND NEWS

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CALENDAR:

December 14 - [Homeless Meeting](#) (virtual)

WELCOME TO OUR UPDATED NEWSLETTER

By Roger Jacobs, Field Officer Director



Thank you for subscribing to the South Dakota HUD quarterly newsletter. We hope you find the information we share informative and worthwhile. The newsletter would not be possible without the hard work of Lisa Wright in our office. She spends a great deal of time and energy finding and writing articles that we hope are beneficial to our readers. We attempt to cover the gamut of housing-related topics for our diverse audience. This issue looks a bit different, after over 15 years of the same design, we changed it to a different format that is hopefully more user-friendly. We hope you enjoy it.

We always enjoy highlighting success stories from our partners. If you have a success story, possibly a story of a first-time homebuyer that was able to purchase a home with the assistance of a HUD program or product, or a renter who successfully transitioned from assisted housing and is now self-sufficient. We would be happy to take the information, write the article, and share it with our readers. Who doesn't enjoy a good story every now and then? If you have a story idea, please send it to [Roger Jacobs](#) and we will take it from there. Thanks for reading!

SINGLE FAMILY UPDATES

NEW FHA SERVICING CONTRACTOR

Effective October 9, 2021, Information Systems & Networks Corporation (ISN) began handling some of Novad Management Consulting's servicing workload. ISN is responsible for the following Subordinate Mortgages: Partial Claim, Section 235, Nehemiah, Emergency Homeowners Loan Program, Hope for Homeowners, Good Neighbor Next Door, and Asset Control Area Mortgages. For payoff requests, send an email to PCPayoffs@hud.gov; partial claims to PCPartialclaims@hud.gov; subordination requests to PCSubordinations@hud.gov; and release requests to PCReleases@hud.gov. Customers who need more information should send an email to the FHA Resource Center at answers@hud.gov or call 1 (800) 225-5342. Reverse mortgage servicing is still being handled by Novad. For more information, read the [Notice](#).



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ADDITIONAL COVID-19 FORBEARANCE RELIEF

On September 27, 2021, FHA added the following COVID-19 relief options for recent or newly struggling borrowers and reverse mortgage homeowners due to the pandemic:

- A *new* COVID-19 forbearance or reverse mortgage extension period for borrowers who are newly affected by the pandemic. Borrowers newly affected are given six to twelve months COVID-19 forbearance extension.
- An *additional* COVID-19 forbearance or reverse mortgage extension period for borrowers recently seeking assistance. Borrowers are given an additional six months with a twelve-month maximum COVID-19 forbearance or reverse mortgage extension. Read the [press release](#).

MMI Fund Report



HUD released its fiscal year 2021 report to Congress on the financial health of the Federal Housing Administration Mutual Mortgage Insurance (MMI) Fund. The Fund's Capital Ratio increased 1.93% from last year, ending this year at 8.03%. The reverse mortgage program ended with a positive ratio, the first time since 2015. FHA has active insurance on more than 7.8 million single family forward and reverse mortgages as of September 2021. For more information, read the [report](#).

South Dakota Single Family FHA Information

<u>FY2021 Statistics</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>
Loans Insured	234	224	231
First-Time Homebuyers	147	131	138
Minority Homebuyers	132	113	147
Default Rate	3.92%	3.79%	3.70%
Foreclosures	39	54	97
REO Properties			
Acquired	3	7	0
Sold	4	1	0
Owned	18	24	26



Online Answers
[FHA's Frequently Asked Questions](#) is
ready to assist you 24/7

FUNDING UPDATES



Executive Director Emma "Pinky" Clifford

Serving the Homeless

The Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing ([OSTPH](#)) recently purchased a motor home and supporting program supplies through the assistance of HUD's [Emergency Solutions Grant](#) (COVID) program. The motor home serves as a mobile office and distribution center, distributing items for its new and expanded homeless assistance program through the Reservation's 8 districts. The motor home will also allow staff to provide housing counseling and financial education; and help to meet their medical and behavioral health needs.

Native American Homeownership



The [South Dakota Native Homeownership Coalition](#) recently received a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans to assist in building the organization's infrastructure to transition the group from an informal coalition to a sustainable Native-led nonprofit organization. The Coalition is a collaborative group of key agencies dedicated to increasing homeownership opportunities for Native Americans in South Dakota. The Coalition has been instrumental in assisting tribal members in realizing the dream of homeownership as well as providing Coalition members with training and educational opportunities.

Over \$2 Million Awarded to Assist Homeless Youth

The South Dakota Homeless Continuum of Care ([CoC](#)) was recently [awarded](#) nearly \$2.8 million through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program ([YHDP](#)). YHDP is an initiative designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness.

This funding will allow the CoC to address youth homelessness that is specifically tailored to their needs, including funding for housing units, wrap-around services, and housing support. It will also support youth-focused performance measurement and coordinated entry systems.

\$11 Million Awarded to 24 Housing Projects

The South Dakota Housing Development Authority ([SDHDA](#)) recently [announced](#) the awarding of more than \$11 million to fund 24 projects that will create 183 newly constructed multifamily housing units, eight single-family homes and the rehabilitation of 36 multifamily housing units. The approved funding will also provide down payment assistance for 84 households, homeowner rehabilitation for 23 homeowners, and provide services and financial support for 28 households who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

These awards consist of \$4.4 million in HUD's [HOME](#) Investment Partnership Program funds, \$2.7 million in Housing Tax Credits, \$2.8 million in Housing Opportunity Funds, and \$1.9 million in Housing Trust Funds. There were 32 applications requesting more than \$16 million in this funding cycle. To learn more about SDHDA's development programs, visit their [website](#).

Mitchell Area Safehouse



The city of Mitchell was awarded \$2 million in HUD's Community Block Grant ([CDBG](#)) CARES Act program funds from SD Governor's Office of Economic Development to help build a \$4 million Mitchell Area Safehouse facility. The facility will serve domestic violence survivors and their children in Mitchell and the seven counties it serves. It will provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and referral services in a safe environment. Read [more](#).

INITIATIVES & OTHER NEWS

House America Initiative

In September, HUD Secretary Fudge, serving as chair of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, announced the launch of House America: An All-Hands-On-Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis. House America is a national partnership to include state, tribal, and local leaders to help re-house those experiencing homelessness through a Housing First approach, and to add new affordable housing to address homelessness into the development pipeline by December 31, 2022. To learn more about House America, to join, or to view a list of participants, visit HUD's House America [website](http://www.hud.gov/house_america).



Emergency Rental Assistance Housing Report

The National Low Income Housing Coalition published a [report](#) "Emergency Rental Assistance Spending and Performance Trends". The report covers findings and recommendations, spending per household, and renter households served by state. A total of \$46.55 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) was appropriated by the Department of Treasury to renters in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The data is from Treasury and examines ERA grantee spending performance as of September 30, 2021. Smaller states such as South Dakota each received \$200 million ERA1 funding. The report mentions the per capita allocation disparity among the smaller and larger populated states and suggests that the smaller states excess of funds could go to the larger populated states who are in need of more funds.

VA Stand Down in Sioux Falls

The annual Veterans Stand Down was held in Sioux Falls at the Military Heritage Center with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place. Sioux Falls HUD staff have participated in the event nineteen of the past twenty years. Field Office Director and Army veteran Roger Jacobs attended this year's event to provide COVID-19 vaccination and housing information to the many attendees.

Veterans from all branches of service were able to obtain a variety of items such as coats, socks, winter boots, hygiene supplies, and lots of good information. They received basic health and dental care; and those needing follow-up care received transportation to the VA hospital. COVID-19 vaccinations and flu shots were available for all attendees. Roger talked with many of the veterans, all indicating they have been fully vaccinated. He spoke with them about their housing needs and many said they are adequately housed and are very grateful for the housing assistance and case management services they receive through the HUD-VASH program.

Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan

In October, HUD released its Climate Adaptation and Resilience [Plan](#) as part of President Biden's "whole-of-government" approach to addressing climate change. The plan's purpose is to find ways to adapt and become resilient to extreme weather events, such as wildfires, extreme heat, tropical storms, heavy rains, and other disasters made worse by climate change.

Features of HUD's plan are:

- Updating climate risk data and research
- Reducing climate-related financial risks in mortgage financing
- Strengthening disaster recovery and resilience
- Building a more equitable future
- Identifying leadership and accountability

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.