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## *A Message from the Regional Administrator*

Dear Friends,

The fall has been full of exciting opportunities for HUD to work in partnership with other federal agencies and communities to improve the quality of life for our customers in Region III. HUD hosted the “Livable Communities: Building Connections for a Healthier Future Workshop” at Drexel University in Philadelphia, where HUD’s Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Sandra Henriquez espoused the need to use housing as a platform for improving health outcomes in low income neighborhoods. Those who work with HUD assisted housing learned some effective strategies for helping residents struggling to pay rent and utilities because of high medical costs. We’ve also been able to showcase HUD’s successful neighborhood stabilization projects around Region III. Secretary Shaun Donovan has been talking about the American Jobs Act and its potential to allow local partners to redevelop abandoned or foreclosed properties through “Project Rebuild.” This proposed new program would build on HUD’s NSP success to revitalize neighborhoods, homes and commercial properties, provide affordable housing, spark business development and create jobs; all essential elements for rebuilding the economy. With all of this activity, the days are flying by and it won’t be long before Thanksgiving!



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### ***HUD’s Newest News***

Region III’s David Marable and Brandon Porinchak are working with local officials and federal agency partners, the Departments of Transportation, Education, Justice, Treasury along with the Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, and the General Services Administration, in historic Chester, PA. Their mandate is to help the city tackle some of its community development challenges with technical assistance and resources. It’s all part of the President Obama’s “Strong Cities, Strong Communities” pilot initiative to help six distressed cities across the country, including Chester, address some of their toughest problems. One accomplishment celebrated by Chester Mayor Wendell Butler and partners was opening the I-95 ramp to the revitalized waterfront district. We’ll keep you posted on the progress of this effort.



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*HUD’s Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities with quality, affordable housing for all.*

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 **STAFF NOTES...SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT...** 



Region III welcomes Toni Schmiegelow as HUD's Delaware Director. Toni has worked with housing, community and economic development issues for nearly 20 years at the local and federal government levels, including nearly 15 years with HUD. She comes to Delaware from the HUD Virginia Office, where she worked to stem the tide of foreclosures, increase the supply of affordable rental housing, use housing as a platform to improve the quality of life, build sustainable, inclusive communities, and transform the way HUD does business. She has a diverse professional background, and is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Sociology, and Columbia University with an M.A. in Educational Counseling.

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**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER**

HUD has awarded \$649,000 to seven local community organizations, including \$100,000 to the Equal Rights Center in Washington, DC and \$99,901 to Lutheran Children and Family Services in Philadelphia. These awards support local organizations serving diverse communities across the country that will help ensure persons who are limited English proficient (LEP) have access to information in their native languages on HUD housing, programs, services, and activities. See the press release [here](#).

HUD has awarded more than \$28 million for the [Fair Housing Initiatives Program \(FHIP\)](#) to 84 fair housing organizations and other non-profit agencies in 33 states and the District of Columbia to assist people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination. In Region III, fair housing programs in the District of Columbia were awarded \$2,567,462; in Pennsylvania, \$1,023,865; in Virginia, \$338,108; in Maryland \$324,411; and in Delaware \$306,998. This is in addition to the \$10 million funding for high performing fair housing enforcement organizations awarded last month. [Read a complete project-by-project summary of the programs awarded grants.](#)

Region III brought home several honors in the form of [National Awards of Excellence](#) from National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Conference. Norfolk (VA) Redevelopment and Housing Authority received an award for Project Design for the [Grandy Village](#) assisted rental community; Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development received an award for Program Innovation/Community Revitalization for Miller's Court; Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (Carlisle, PA) received an award for its West Shore Communities Master Plan; Mercer County Housing Authority (Sharon, PA) received an award for its Vermeire Manor Conversion; District of Columbia Housing Authority received an award for its Community/Workforce Development-Closing the Gap program; and Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority (VA) received an award for its Mind-Body-Spirit Program.

HUD has awarded \$26.6 million in "sweat equity" grants to produce at least 1,477 affordable homes for low-income individuals and families, including \$8,333,535 to the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, DC. Funded through [HUD's Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#), the funding awarded, along with the labor contributed by these households, will significantly lower the cost of homeownership. Read the full announcement [here](#).

One of three [Section 4 Capacity Building](#) for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program awards was received by Enterprise Community Partners of Columbia, MD. The award of nearly \$20,000,000 will be used to enhance the capacity and ability of community development corporations and community housing development organizations to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families and persons. To read the Federal Register announcement, [click here](#).

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### **HUD FUNDING RESOURCES**

- [FY 2011 McKinney Vento HMIS Technical Assistance](#) applications are due November 15.
- [FY 2011 Neighborhood Stabilization Program Technical Assistance and Capacity Building](#) applications are due November 21.
- [Tenant Resource Network](#) applications are due December 6.

All the latest in HUD funding news may be found at [hud.gov funds available](#) or [grants.gov](#). All applicants are reminded to register or update information at [grants.gov](#) before submitting applications.

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### **OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES**

- **November 9** – Application deadline for Youth Service America “State Farm Good Neighbor” Service-Learning Grants to students, teachers, and staff members of community-based organizations working within a public K-12 school, or to service learning coordinators. For more information and to apply, control-click [here](#).
  - **November 15** – due date for Letters of Inquiry for the next round of grants through ArtPlace, a nationwide initiative to accelerate creative place-making and create vibrant communities through investments in art, culture and creativity. To learn more about the program, control-click [here](#).
  - **November 15** – application due date for the first cycle of stipends under the Policy Research, Inc (PRI) new, federally-funded stipend program for graduate-level research, the Disability Determination Process (DDP) Small Grant Program, which will award \$10,000 stipends to graduate students to conduct research on improving disability determination processes. See SSA Commissioner Astrue’s [press release](#). For application materials and more information, [click here](#) or email PRI at [ddp@policyresearchinc.org](mailto:ddp@policyresearchinc.org).
  - **November 17** – Application due date for USDA grants to plan or implement community food projects that improve health and/or nutrition among disadvantaged and/or low-income populations and communities. For more information, control-click [here](#).
  - **November 18** – Nominations due for the Mary Byron Foundation “Celebrating Solutions” Awards to showcase, applaud and reward local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. [Click here](#) for more information.
  - **November 22** – Application due date for Rural Health Services funding to rural nonprofit and public agencies for the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential health care services. To learn more and apply, control-click [here](#).
  - **December 15** – Application deadline for the Housing Assistance Council’s (HAC) new grant program, the Rural Senior Housing (RSH) Fund. To see the application and for additional information, [Click here](#). Questions may be addressed to Janice Clark, 202.842.8600 x 131 or email [Janice@ruralhome.org](mailto:Janice@ruralhome.org), or [visit HAC's Rural Senior Housing Initiative page for updates from the program](#).
  - **December 15** – due date for letters of intent to request Americorps support. Nonprofits, institutions of higher education, sub-state government entities, tribes, labor organizations, partnerships, and intermediaries may apply. Application deadline is January 18. Visit [Americorps' website](#), or contact agency staff at [americorpsgrants@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cns.gov) or 202-606-7508.
- [Cyclical deadlines](#) to apply for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) “[Healthy Habits](#) : Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents” are online. Research Project Grant (R01) applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 18) are encouraged.
  - Applications accepted on an ongoing basis - William Randolph Hearst Foundations Health Grants to foster effective solutions to social and economic problems. To see program information, [click here](#).

- The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers competitive grants to not-for-profit, grassroots community organizations throughout the United States working to bring about progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. The first step is to submit a 'Letter of Interest' online via their [website](#). For information about the grant program, [click here](#).

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### **FHA LEADS THE WAY**

FHA has posted New Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Mortgagee Letter 2011-29 and FHA Mortgage Limits. To read the Updated FHA Mortgage Limit FAQs please [click here](#).

New [Mortgagee Letters](#):

MORTGAGEE LETTER 2011-37 revises the implementation and reporting dates associated with Mortgagee Letter 2011-28, Trial Payment Plan for Loan Modifications and Partial Claims under Federal Housing Administration's Loss Mitigation Program.

For any FHA issues or concerns, please email: [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov) or visit: [www.hud.gov/answers](http://www.hud.gov/answers).

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### **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) is in the process of formulating its research agenda for the next 5–10 years and would like your input. You are invited to think critically about the research agenda as it relates to four targeted topic areas: homeownership and finance, rental housing, housing as a platform, and communities. Your participation can help the HUD and the nation achieve the following goals as identified in [HUD's Strategic Plan](#):

- Strengthen the Nation's Housing Market to Bolster the Economy and Protect Consumers
- Meet the Need for Quality Affordable Rental Homes
- Utilize Housing as a Platform for Improving the Quality of Life
- Build Inclusive and Sustainable Communities Free From Discrimination

Be sure to submit your ideas and suggestions no later than November 4th.

<http://www.huduser.org/portal/research/agenda.html> You can find examples of PD&R's currently envisioned research activity [here](#).

HUD requests comments on environmental justice strategy. A draft four-year plan is intended to address environmental justice concerns and increase access to environmental benefits through HUD activities, as part of a larger executive branch effort (see *HAC News*, [8/18/11](#)). Comments are due November 14. Visit [this webpage](#) to see the draft plan. Contact Kathryn Dykgraaf, HUD, 202-402-6731. Stakeholder listening sessions are scheduled in several places between October 24 and December 2. [See the schedule here](#), or contact Sherri White, EPA, at [white.sherri@epa.gov](mailto:white.sherri@epa.gov).

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) requests comments by November 22 on its plan to review regulations promulgated by its predecessors (HUD's Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD's Government-Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) oversight team, and the Federal Housing Finance Board). Individual regulations will be published for comment as well. Visit [the FHFA page](#) or [the government regulations page](#), or contact Alfred M. Pollard, FHFA at [alfred.pollard@fhfa.gov](mailto:alfred.pollard@fhfa.gov), 202-414-3788.

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### **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

Save the Date: November 9, 1:30-2:30 pm EST - US Interagency Council on Homelessness Webinar: "The Way Forward: Ending Veteran Homelessness by 2015." In honor of Veterans Day, USICH Deputy Director Anthony Love will moderate an expert panel including Susan Angell Executive Director of Veterans Affairs' [Veterans Homeless Initiative](#), John Driscoll President and CEO of the [National Coalition for Homeless Veterans](#), and Tori Lyon Executive Director for the [Jericho Project](#). The panelists will address the progress that has been made since VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced the five year goal to end homelessness among Veterans, in addition to the following questions:

- What are the promising and innovative practices we must embrace in order to reach this goal?

- What are the best ways to use limited resources to get the biggest impact?
- How can we all get involved to make it happen?

The webinar will also include a roundtable discussion where panelists address questions from attendees. Please join us - [Register here now](#).

Better Neighborhoods Mean Better Health for Very Low Income Women. For very-low income women, a move into even a slightly better neighborhood can have significant impact on their health, according to a new study by the HUD (“Neighborhoods, Obesity, and Diabetes — A Randomized Social Experiment”), published in the Oct. 20 issue of the [New England Journal of Medicine](#).

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) was October 23-29 – “Educating to help insure Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future.” The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning (CECLP) celebrated National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 23 – 29. Every year, HUD’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, in partnership with the CDC and EPA, develops posters in observance of NLPPW and posts them online. The posters are free for downloading by states and communities. In addition, the Office has developed a NLPPW Campaign Toolkit to encourage information-sharing, collaboration, and promotion of NLPPW and lead poisoning prevention. The posters are also available in Spanish and the tool kit is available on [the CDC’s website](#).



The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness’s 2011 Annual Update to “Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness,” reports that progress has been made in the first year of the effort. Of particular note are: 1) Unprecedented collaboration and coordination across and within federal agencies, local and State Governments and nonprofits, 2) Adoption of proven tools, such as Housing First and Critical Time Intervention, to prevent and end homelessness, 3) Better use of targeted resources like the Recovery Act’s Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), and 4) Improved access to mainstream resources, with HHS increasing its outreach. Read the update [here](#).

Utility-Funded Energy Efficiency Programs can help Multifamily Housing. Noting that most states require such programs but the focus is typically on large commercial facilities or single-family homes, a National Housing Trust factsheet encourages their use for energy retrofits of multifamily properties. Visit [the National Housing Trust website](#) or contact NHT, 202-333-8931.

AARP reports that affordability issues for seniors are increasing. “State Housing Profiles 2011” describes housing and demographic conditions for homeowners and renters age 50 and older. Visit [the AARP’s State Housing Profiles website](#), or contact Rodney Harrell, [rharrell@aarp.org](mailto:rharrell@aarp.org).

A joint notice has been issued by HUD’s Offices of Public and Indian Housing and Community Planning and Development encouraging public housing agencies (PHAs) and state and local grant recipients to forge partnerships with public and private agencies to promote HUD-assisted resident connections to health care, education, employment, and other social services. Notice PIH-2011-51/CPD 2011-09 cites Goal 3 of HUD’s *Strategic Plan 2010-2015*, which views housing as a platform for improving the quality of life for HUD-assisted residents. According to the Notice, evidence shows stable housing can be a highly effective base from which a household can connect to needed services. The notice may be accessed through [this link](#).

In October, HUD brought four complaints for discrimination based on disability against condominium associations and a property owner in several states, including one in Region III. Disability discrimination continues to be the largest single category of complaints, according to HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) [Annual State of Fair Housing Report](#). The report shows that HUD is resolving individual housing discrimination complaints faster, increasing its focus on complaints that affect multiple people and launching more investigations using its authority to initiate cases on behalf of discrimination victims where no one has filed a complaint. FHEO and its partners in the Fair Housing Assistance Program investigate more than 10,000 housing discrimination complaints annually. A critical part of HUD’s mission is to promote non-

discrimination and ensure fair and equal housing opportunities for all. HUD funded grant recipients and recipients of Federal financial assistance are obligated by law not to discriminate in housing or services directly or indirectly, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability. Some ways to comply with fair housing requirements include:

- Regionalized approaches to conducting the Analysis of Impediments to fair housing choice;
- Consistently updating and documenting efforts to ameliorate any such impediments;
- Establishing fair housing enforcement organizations in areas where there are none;
- For public housing agencies, starting counseling programs to help housing choice voucher recipients find housing outside of minority and/or poverty concentrated areas;
- Outreach to housing providers in non-minority and poverty concentrated areas; and
- Marketing available housing to persons less likely to apply for housing in metropolitan statistical areas.

HUD encourages jurisdictions to consult with one another and with HUD's FHEO and Community Planning and Development program offices to initiate metropolitan wide area fair housing planning. The Fair Housing Planning Guide provides information to states, state funded and entitlement jurisdictions to show how they may take steps to affirmatively further fair housing. Check out the Fair Housing Planning Guide [here](#). People who believe they are the victims of housing discrimination should contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777.

### ***WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND REGION III...***

#### **HUD EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA/ REGIONAL OFFICE**

A comprehensive analysis of the State College, PA Housing Market Area has been published and is now accessible on the Office of Policy Development & Research (PD&R) website, [HUDUser.org](http://HUDUser.org). Contact Timothy McNally, Economist, in the Philadelphia Economic and Market Analysis Division at 215-430-6677, or Beverly Harvey, Regional Economist, at 215-430-6680, with questions about the study.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, in Lancaster, PA last week addressing a public meeting of Building One Pennsylvania, highlighted HUD's efforts to create jobs and put money back into the pockets of working families. Whether it is greening public housing in Pittsburgh's Prospect Terrace Development and in Philadelphia's Warnock Street Development, or transforming Philadelphia's Mantua neighborhood into a livable community with access to transportation, health care, quality education and grocery stores, HUD is investing in helping prepare communities for today's challenges and the opportunities that lie ahead. Read the Secretary's remarks [here](#).



On October 15, the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, along with its development partner, The Michaels Organization, hosted a grand reopening and dedication ceremony of the newly revitalized Ascension Manor, a landmark affordable housing community in North Philadelphia. Read more about it [here](#).

(Left) A tile mural reflecting the Ukrainian experience is displayed on the Ascension Manor

## **HUD WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

On October 19, the HUD Pittsburgh Field Office provided information about contracting/sub-contracting to minority, women and veteran business owners. HUD was joined by the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Department of Energy, US Department of Labor, US Department of State, US Navy and US Small Business Administration, among others. The forum was sponsored by the Government Agency Coordination Office (GACO) of California University of PA and the Government Contracting Assistance Center of Slippery Rock University.

(Right) Senior Management Analyst Cindy Haines answers consumer questions about HUD programs and funding streams.



On September 15, 2011, HANDS (Housing and Neighborhood Development Service) 45-year anniversary was celebrated at the Erie Art Museum in Erie, PA. HANDS has been a leader in the Northwestern Pennsylvania affordable housing community since its beginning in 1966, and now offers well over 1,000 units of affordable housing for qualified senior citizens, people with disabilities, and low-income families.

(Left) Executive Director Chuck Scalise and HUD Pittsburgh Field Office Director Jane Miller at HANDS 45 Year Anniversary.

- **November 5** - NeighborWorks® Western Pennsylvania(NWWPA) is offering a free Homebuyer Education Workshop, sponsored by PNC BANK at the Brashear Center, Pittsburgh. Call 412-281-9773 or visit the NeighborWorks [website](#) to register.
- **November 5** - American Diabetes Awareness Month “Diabetes Expo” at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Included will be free health screenings, cooking demonstrations, and a Healthy Aging Showcase for seniors. For more information, contact [lstarsky@ahcd.net](mailto:lstarsky@ahcd.net).
- **November 9** - Allegheny General Hospital Partnership Presentation of “Dusk,” a theatrical reading examining an aging father and fractured family struggling with over medical and legal decisions. A panel discussion with audience participation will follow. Tickets are free but a reservation is appreciated. Contact Keri Marmicar at 412-330-2535 or email [Keri@pittsburghnorthside.com](mailto:Keri@pittsburghnorthside.com).
- **November 9 – 10** - Annual Federal Career Fair at the William Pitt Union of the University of Pittsburgh. The Federal Career Fair is for undergraduate and graduate students seeking employment or internships within federal government. For more information see [the University's website](#).
- **November 14 – 16** - The PA Housing Alliance annual Conference “Homes Within Reach” at the Harrisburg Hilton. For more information or to register, see [the Conference website](#)
- **November 18** - The University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Social and Urban Research, Urban and Regional Analysis Program will conduct a brown bag seminar “Do Local Anti-predatory Lending Laws Work?” Open to the public, RSVP to [pncis@pitt.edu](mailto:pncis@pitt.edu).
- **December 13** - Sustainable Pittsburgh’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwestern PA Smart Growth Conference. The conference will focus on Innovative Finance, Green Infrastructure, and Eliminating Blight and Abandonment. For more information, [click here](#).

## HUD VIRGINIA



On October 5, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan toured Richmond's Church Hill with Mayor Dwight Jones, City Councilwoman Cynthia Newbille and developer Marian Cake. The Secretary discussed the "Project Rebuild" component of President Obama's "American Jobs Act." Project Rebuild can help stabilize home prices, revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs. Church Hill is a neighborhood where three houses on the block were renovated using federal money from the original Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1) through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The homes were sold to two teachers and a machinist. This effort sparked a number of private investments in what Secretary Donovan referred to as a "ripple effect."

On October 14, Community Housing Partners (CHP) hosted a [dedication ceremony](#) at Friendship Village Apartments in Virginia Beach to commemorate the newly refurbished, affordable, 109-unit multifamily housing community. A HUD Section 8 multi-family property, Friendship Village underwent an extensive rehabilitation this year with the use of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other public and private funding sources. Friendship Village is also recognized as the first of a number of Certified HUD Neighborhood Networks Centers in Virginia, offering a high level of free resident services that promote self-sufficiency, skill-building, and healthy living.

Pete Galuffo of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Joy Cipriano of Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, and Andrea Cleaves of Family Systems discuss the community partnerships needed to eliminate veteran homelessness at the "Eliminating Veteran Homelessness: Developing a Synchronous Working Plan" Summit held at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center on October 27. To see HUD's resources for veterans, go to the [HUDVet page](#) (HUD's Veteran Resource Center). If you meet a veteran who is homeless or at risk of homelessness, the number for the 24 hour National [Homeless Veterans](#) Call Center is 877-424-3838.



The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) recently recognized Virginia for outstanding achievement in the development of a statewide housing policy. The NCSHA award recognizes agencies demonstrating the most efficient, effective, and creative use of resources to achieve state policy objectives. Virginia's housing policy initiative won for showing that state policymaking can effectively link the executive and legislative branches of government with stakeholder groups to reach consensus on desired housing outcomes, while forging strong coalitions to address Virginia's housing needs into the future. Read the announcement [here](#).

Governor Bob McDonnell [announced](#) \$700,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urgent Needs funding for the county of Washington for rehabilitation of homes damaged during the April 27-28 tornado outbreak. A state of emergency was declared for Washington County on April 28.

New data on homelessness reflect highest number of homeless children and use of technology among people experiencing homelessness. [Homeward](#), the Greater Richmond Region's planning and coordinating agency for homeless services, released full data from the Summer 2011 Point-in-Time count. Preliminary results published in August revealed that 941 people in the region are experiencing homelessness which reflects a 5.6% increase from July 2010, including the highest number of homeless children in shelters recorded in our region since 2002.

- **November 5** – Better Housing Coalition's Center for Neighborhood Revitalization is sponsoring a free

Renovation Lending Workshop to provide needed financial tools for the renovation of old houses in Richmond. Free, but RSVP is requested. Contact David Herring at 804-644-0546 x37 or [d.herring@betterhousingcoalition.org](mailto:d.herring@betterhousingcoalition.org).

- **November 7, 14 and 21** – Free 3-week Financial Literacy Workshop in Chesapeake sponsored by the Bank of Hampton Roads and Our House Families. Call 757.769.7019 to register.
- **November 9** - U.S. Small Business Administration and Chesterfield County Public Library are offering “Is Your Website Generating Business? Learn How to Do Business on the Internet!” at Meadowdale Public Library, Richmond. [Register here for this no-cost workshop.](#)
- **November 12** - Hill Studio PC and Old Southwest Inc. are offering a “Hands-on Historic Rehab Tax Credit” Workshop to explain how owners of historic properties can take advantage of the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit and the Virginia Rehabilitation Tax Credit. For more information, contact Erica Taylor at 540-853-1522 or [erica.taylor@roanokeva.gov](mailto:erica.taylor@roanokeva.gov).
- **November 14** - deadline for proposals to Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) from developers/development teams to redevelop the former site of Moton Circle apartments into a new, mixed-income neighborhood. Questions should be submitted in writing to David Heim at [dheim@nrha.us](mailto:dheim@nrha.us) by 2:00 p.m., November 8. The RFP can be read [here](#).
- **November 16 – 18** –Governor’s Housing Conference, “Navigating a Changing Environment,” in Hampton. See [the Conference website](#) for more information and to register.
- **November 19** - Senator Warner is hosting his 2nd Annual Women’s Conference “A Woman’s Playbook for Wealth, Health, and Wisdom” at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. For more information, see [the Womens' Conference Facebook page](#).

## **HUD DELAWARE**



HUD and the Departments of Health and Human Services and Education hosted an “Engaging Men and Boys to End Violence Against Women” regional town hall meeting on October 26. Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden gave human faces to tragic statistics, and gave voices to the victims who have been battered, abused and murdered. Panelists from local and state government, faith based and community groups, non-profit organizations, a local public housing authority and several local universities discussed the barriers to engaging men and boys in ending date rape and sexual assaults. Attendees traveled from Washington, D.C., Delaware and as far away as Williamsport, PA to learn from experts in the field and to network and develop partnerships around the common goal of breaking the cycle of violence against women. For more information about resources for help and healing of domestic violence, click [here](#).

In response to a request from Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and because HUD funding frequently helps to support temporary housing for domestic violence survivors, each HUD Region hosted a roundtable about domestic violence prevention during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. (See the text box above for more about the Region III Roundtable). While preparing for the Roundtable, the Wilmington Office discovered that the Vice President’s alma mater, the University of Delaware, is the only college or university in the country to offer a Domestic Violence Prevention and Services concentration and minor to undergraduate students. The program, which began in the fall semester this year, trains students to become advocates for domestic violence survivors. [Information about the program](#) is available on the University of Delaware website.

The Pennsylvania/Delaware Assisted Housing Management Association’s (PennDel AHMA) Fall Conference in Dover, DE, with more than 250 assisted housing management professionals in attendance. HUD Philadelphia Multifamily Program Center was given the “Industry Partners Award.” The Conference also included recognition of multifamily properties as Communities of Quality. PennDel AHMA boasts 49 Communities of Quality in its membership, highlighting outstanding achievements of property managers and owners who provide high-quality, affordable multifamily rental housing. Submission deadline is November 11 to apply for the recognition. Click here to find the [entries for the awards](#).

Happy 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the [National Council on Agriculture Life and Labor Research Fund \(NCALL\)](#). The organization hosted its Anniversary Luncheon in Dover, DE last week. With the support of a number of funding sources, including HUD, NCALL has brought substantial community resources into southern Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula. During the last three-and-one-half decades, NCALL has assisted more than 7,000 individuals and families to become first-time homeowners, developed 50 low-rent apartments, provided foreclosure prevention counseling and established a \$4.2 million loan fund portfolio that benefits areas residents who have low to moderate incomes.

### **HUD MARYLAND**

With the help of an \$800,000 grant from Maryland's Community Development Block Grant, the [Dove Center](#) of Oakland, MD in Garrett County opened its doors to provide shelter for victims of spousal abuse and sexual assault. The \$1.2 million facility opening was attended by federal, state and local dignitaries including Charles E. Halm, Baltimore Field Office of HUD's Community Planning and Development Division director.



A Prince George's County family nearly lost its home after a series of illnesses put them behind in their mortgage payments. [Click here](#) to read how the Mosby family is now facing the future with a renewed sense of hope after receiving a loan through the Emergency Mortgage Assistance program at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. (the MD Emergency Mortgage Assistance program is the state's administrator for HUD's Emergency Homeowner Loan program).

Lt. Governor Anthony Brown describes the MD-BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Preservation Initiative in the [October 2011 issue](#) of Tax Credit Advisor Magazine. The goal of the MD-BRAC Preservation Initiative is to preserve 9,000 units of affordable rental housing over the next 10 years in the counties most affected by the BRAC process.

[City Market at O Street](#), being planned between O and P Streets and 7th and 9th Streets in Northwest Washington, D.C., and to be reviewed by the HUD Baltimore Multifamily Production Hub, is targeted for faster federal housing loans and historic trust approval. The project features 400 residential units, 16,000 square feet of retail space and a supermarket. Along with a rail transit project in Baltimore, the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York and 11 others projects across the Nation, the Market property has been added to the list developed after President Obama issued a memorandum in August, directing federal agencies to expedite permitting and environmental reviews to spur development.

### **HUD WEST VIRGINIA**



Participants in the West Virginia HUD Field Office Grant Writing Workshop listen to tips for researching public and private funding. This workshop also brought in the US Census to conduct training on the newly released data search engine for the 2010 Census. The new data system enables those seeking grants a more efficient and usable resource. Front row, left to right, Carol Miller, Leslie Depue, Carol Brawley (standing). Back row, seated, Kimberly Pickens

AARP WV Foundation Benefits Enrollment Center has a no cost One-Stop Resource Center to help older West Virginians with utility assistance, Medicare/medical and food expenses and other resources. Contact 1-877-677-0677.

Huntington Harvest of Books recently completed a children's book drive where thousands of books were donated and are available for free to all ages. Contact Cassey Bowden at [cassey.bowden@unitedwayrivercities.org](mailto:cassey.bowden@unitedwayrivercities.org) or 304.523.8929, ext. 2.

- **November 9** - West Virginia Small Business Development Center (WVSBDC) is offering a Business Fundamentals and Sustainable Growth Workshop in Moorefield. Contact B. Ludewig, 304-530-4964.
- **November 14** - Small Business Opportunity Session, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory and Teaming to Win at the Charleston Civic Center, Charleston. No charge to attend - contact Larry Sullivan at 412-386-6115.
- **November 16-18** - Children's Home Society Annual Conference "Our Journey: Pathway to the Future-Forever Families," at Summit Center, Charleston. Contact Barbara Massey at 304-346-0795 or [jcraig@childsw.org](mailto:jcraig@childsw.org).
- **November 16-18** - Habitat for Humanity of WV 2011 Mid-Atlantic Energy Efficient Building Conference. Learn everything you need to know to build better homes. Contact Sarah Halstead at 304-343-2880.
- **November 18** - Health Opportunities in Energy Audits & Upgrades Course taught by the National Center for Healthy Housing, Sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Housing and Development, and WV Department of Health and Human Resources. Location: West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Charleston. Contact Stephanie Mink at 304-558-1269 or [Stephanie.r.mink@wv.gov](mailto:Stephanie.r.mink@wv.gov)
- **December 1-2** - WV Perinatal Summit at the Charleston Marriott Hotel and and the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Charleston. Contact CAMC Institute, Division of Education, at 304-388-9960 or email [institute@camc.org](mailto:institute@camc.org).

### **HUD CAPITAL DISTRICT**



(Left) Marvin Turner, Director of the HUD Capital District Office, addresses employers at the "Putting Our Veterans Back to Work" Employment Fair, Matt Cary, Director, District of Columbia Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs in the background. (See more information below).

In keeping with the spirit of President Obama's American Jobs Act and "Putting Our Veterans Back to Work" Initiative, the HUD Capital District Office, HUD Veterans Affinity Group, and the U.S. Department of Employment Services, in partnership with the District of Columbia Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, Office of Personnel Management, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, THEARC, Wounded Warriors, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans Administration Medical Center hosted the District of Columbia's first "Veterans Employment Fair" on October 25 at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington branch located at THEARC in Washington, DC. Mr. Rodney Lewis, from the Office of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Joining Forces," helped kick off the Employment Fair, along with Mayor Vincent Gray and members of the District of Columbia Council and Marvin Turner, HUD Capital District Office Director.

- **November 15** - The National Grants Partnership will hold its next meeting in virtual format via webinar. The first 100 registrants will be able to participate live ([click here to register](#)). Everyone else will be able to view the recorded version at [the National Grants Partnership website](#) no later than November 17. If you are not currently in the database for the National Grants Partnership, please sign

up on the homepage (click “join today”) to receive invitations to webinars and other timely information about federal grants.



Meet the Region III Field Office Directors: Above, left to right - Jane Miller, HUD Western Pennsylvania; Carrie Schmidt, HUD Virginia; Pete Minter, HUD West Virginia; Carol Payne, HUD Maryland and Marvin Turner, HUD Capital District

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