



REGION III HUDLINE NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR



In his State of the Union speech, President Barack Obama called for the government to take an active, wide-ranging role in ensuring every American has a "ladder of opportunity" into the middle class. He pledged to partner with 20 of the country's hardest-hit communities to "get them back in the game." He said his administration would work with local leaders to cut through red tape, targeting neighborhoods pulled down by the weight of violent crime to help reduce crime using methods that have been proven to work. In Region III, **the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is at the center of this and already hard at work at doing just that.**

When we unveiled the **Strong Cities Strong Communities (SC2)** pilot in 2011, we brought together 14 agencies to help six economically and geographically diverse communities and regions—including Chester, Pennsylvania—spend the resources they already have better, smarter and more catalytically. A century ago, Chester was central to America's economy. But by the 1950s, like so many places, Chester began losing its once thriving manufacturing industries. And today, while Chester is located in a region with a relatively strong economy, it is very much at the wrong end of a widening gap in the Philadelphia region. Over the last forty years, Chester's population shrunk by 40 percent and its unemployment rate has tripled. And with a population that is more than 80 percent minority, its poverty rate is nearly three times that of the country. Despite these challenges, the city has made important progress, creating an Economic Development Authority that has used tools like HOPE VI to rebuild homes and neighborhoods—in all, attracting more than \$1.6 billion in public and private investment over the past 15 years.

We are excited to announce the release of the **[1st Annual Report of the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities](#)**. The release of this report marks one year since President Obama **[established the SC2 Council](#)**, proudly co-chaired by HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and Cecilia Muñoz, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. The lessons discussed in this report highlight successes and innovations in job creation and economic development, improved alignment of federal programs, stronger partnerships with philanthropy, and best practices in cultivating a highly skilled and motivated federal workforce. **In Chester, the SC2 team helped facilitate an investment by a Philadelphia-based food-bank, Philabundance, to provide residents with low-cost, nutritious food in a supermarket-style food bank**, addressing a major impediment to attracting investment and growth in the community. The project broke ground in September 2012 and will provide the first new grocery store in the City for over a decade.

The Obama Administration also forged the **Partnership for Sustainable Communities**. HUD, the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency, have over the last three years put \$270 million to work to help align housing and transportation investments, so that they can be responsive to the needs of regional economies. Nearly half of these awards went to small towns and rural places—and last year's grants leveraged \$115 million in additional funding, getting private capital off the sidelines and into our economy. To see this work in action, all you have to do is **drive a few**

hours west to Pittsburgh, where local partners are using one of these grants to convert vacated industrial land into a new transportation corridor—providing more families with the chance to live near the economic heart of the city and drive the smart growth Western Pennsylvania needs to compete.

We're not the only ones recognizing the value in these initiatives. On May 1, the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University announced the **Top 25 programs in this year's [Innovations in American Government Award](#) competition**. These government initiatives represent the dedicated efforts of city, state, federal, and tribal governments and address a host of policy issues including crime prevention, economic development, environmental and community revitalization, employment education, and health care. Selected by a cohort of policy experts, researchers and practitioners, HUD was the only agency to be recognized for two initiatives. The [Sustainable Communities Initiative](#) and [Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative](#) both received recognition.

And, we're far from ready to call this job done. On April 10 President Obama introduced his FY14 Budget Proposal that included \$47.6 billion for HUD—\$75 million of which will support a new Integrated Planning and Investment (IPI) grant program. **These grants will build on HUD's Regional Planning and Community Challenge grants, and help make America a magnet for jobs—creating even more ladders to opportunity in American communities.** To further align this work with local economic development priorities, the budget proposal also calls for the renaming of the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities as the Office of Economic Resilience. Please see Secretary Donovan's [presentation](#) and recent testimony to the respective [Senate](#) and [House](#) Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development.

So, stay tuned for more good work to come.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

HUD is undertaking a series of restructuring and systemic changes within its Office of Multifamily Housing Programs and also realigning its field structure. **These changes will transform HUD for the 21st Century.** HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing provides mortgage insurance to HUD-approved lenders to facilitate the construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and refinancing of multifamily housing projects as well as administering a number of project-based rental assistance programs. Multifamily will be undertaking a multi-year transformation effort, including both implementing operational improvements and streamlining its organization in headquarters and the field. For more information please visit [Transforming Multifamily for the 21st Century](#). HUD is also closing 16 of its 80 field offices this year in order to realign staff resources to best support program delivery. This action will also generate meaningful administrative savings. The closures, which are expected to be completed early in fiscal year 2014. For more information please visit the [Small Office Project Page](#).

HUD is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) **to help promote the summer meals program, and ensure that all young people living in low-income households have access to nutritional meals** while school is out. No child should ever go hungry, and your efforts will go far in assuring that children living in those households have access to nutritional meals while school it out during this summer. To learn more and become a sponsoring organization, [click here](#).

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) hosted **"Opening Doors to Innovation: How to Improve Client Outcomes Using Housing First,"** a webinar to discuss how Housing First practices can improve client outcomes in a transitional housing setting and help our nation's veterans and others who experience homelessness move more quickly into permanent housing. To view the webinar, [click here](#).

[HUD Notice PIH 2013-08](#) tells **owners of HUD-assisted properties to notify tenants by May 15** if they intend to apply for vouchers. Applications are due June 14. Properties must be in low vacancy areas and their mortgages must have matured or use restrictions expired during FY12. Contact a HUD field office or the Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, 202-708-0477.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness's (NAEH) [State of Homelessness in America 2013](#) report says that the number of people experiencing homelessness as part of a family increased slightly, while the numbers of chronically homelessness individuals and veterans decreased significantly. The report includes data at the state level. Contact NAEH, 202-638-1526.

USDA Rural Development has issued [Administrative Notice 4711](#), explaining that community facilities, business, and utilities programs **must apply 2010 Census data to area eligibility determinations as of March 27**, but the final FY13 appropriations bill delays the change for housing programs until September 30 (see [HAC News, 3/21/13](#)). The housing programs will base area eligibility on [pre-2010 Census determinations](#), including grandfathering, for applications that are complete by September 30 or filed in response to NOFAs published by September 30, provided that funds are obligated by December 31, 2013 or the agency administrator grants a waiver. For more information, contact an [RD office](#).

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 24: The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with the Council on Foundations, announced the annual **Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships – Housing and Community Development in Action** – as part of the Council's annual Fall Conference. The Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships recognizes excellence in partnerships that have both transformed the relationship between the sectors and led to measurable benefits in terms of increased economic employment, health, safety, education, sustainability, inclusivity and cultural opportunities, and/or housing access for low- and moderate-income families. This award emphasizes cross-sector partnerships between the philanthropic and public sectors. Recognizing that foundations of all sizes partner with public agencies, the jury will take asset and staff size into consideration to ensure that the award recipients reflect a diversity of foundations. The fillable PDF form is at <http://www.cof.org> and www.huduser.org/secaward/cof. **The deadline for completing submission is 11:59 p.m. PT, May 24, 2013.**

HUD is gearing up for Father's Day's 2013 and [registration is now open](#) for the 3rd annual event. *Father's Day 2013* is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiative that aims to strengthen the bond between children and their fathers, who are often absent from the lives of their children who live in public housing. Concurrently, the initiative has the goal of connecting dads to supportive services in their communities including, job training, health screenings and education opportunities. For more information, [click here](#).

HUD FEDERAL REGISTER RULES, NOTICES & FUNDING

Proposed Rules

[Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program and Revisions to the Definition of "Chronically Homeless"](#)

Notices

[Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless](#)

[Public Housing Assessment System \(PHAS\): Capital Fund Final Scoring Notice](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Office of Sustainable Housing Communities Progress Report Template](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Rental Assistance Demonstration Evaluation, Phase I](#)

[Clarifying Guidance, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements for Hurricane Sandy Grantees in Receipt of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds](#)

[Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons With Disabilities Capital Advance Application Submission Requirements](#)

[Notice of Intent to Close 16 Field Offices](#)

[Notice of Intent To Change HUD-Wide the Operating Model of the Office of Multifamily Housing](#)

[Final Fair Market Rents for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program Fiscal Year 2013; Revised](#)

HUD Notices of Funding Availability

DUE May 21 – FY 2013 [McKinney Vento HMIS Technical Assistance Program](#)

DUE May 23 – FY 2013 [Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program](#)

DUE May 28 – FY 2013 [Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant Program](#)

DUE May 29 – FY 2013 Transformation Initiative: [Sustainable Communities Research Grant Program](#)

DUE June 11 – Fair Housing Initiative Program [\(FHIP\) Private Enforcement Initiative Grants](#)

AROUND THE REGION, DELAWARE



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Delaware's Month-Long Fair Housing Celebration Comes to a Close

"There's still work to be done," cited Delaware Human Relations Commissioner Chair Calvin Christopher as he greeted attendees of the 20th Annual Fair Housing Conference in Newark on April 30. Pictured here (clockwise) Region III Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent, Delaware Commission for Women Director Romona Fullman, Delaware Field Office Director Maria Bynum and Regional Director of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Melody Taylor-Blancher with Calvin Christopher, who has

championed Fair Housing through three administrations since his appointment in June 2000.

Fair Housing Champions Honored

"People from every corner of the state, from every walk of life and economic circumstance, share a common dream, a place to call home." Those were the words of Leon N. Weiner, a Charter Board Member for the Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware Inc., established 30 years ago to promote fair and equal access to rental housing and the purchase and sale of homes. For HOND's diamond anniversary, Amy Walls, President of the Diamond State Community Land Trust, and Karen Horton, a principal planner with the Delaware State Housing Authority, were honored for their work to promote fair housing in their respective positions.

HOND, Inc. honored Walls with the Leon N. Weiner Award and Horton with the Andrew Turner Award during the 30th Annual Fair Housing Observance and Awards Luncheon on April 26, in Wilmington. Honoree Amy Walls is pictured here with George Evans, President, HOND Board of Directors (left) and Vincent White, Vice President. Photo courtesy of Kenny Bond.



Your Right to a Reasonable Accommodation

The Fair Housing Program of the [Community Legal Aid Society](http://www.clasi.org) (CLASI) wants you to know that people with disabilities have additional protections against housing discrimination. CLASI is one of HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program Partners (FHIP). With offices in Delaware's three counties, CLASI provides education and outreach to the public on fair housing issues, including recognizing discrimination, knowing the protected classes, understanding the concept of "reasonable accommodation" and learning the administrative complaint process. During the 17th Annual Fair Housing Law Forum sponsored by the Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, CLASI's Staff Attorney Melissa Allman explained a reasonable accommodation is a change, exception or adjustment to rules, policies, or practices that a person with a disability can enjoy the property in the same way as everyone else. For more information about your rights under the Fair Housing Act or to file a complaint, call CLASI at 1-800-292-7980 in Wilmington, 1-800-537-8383 in Dover and 1-800-462-7070 in Georgetown.

HUD Awards Grants to Help Those Experiencing Homelessness

Delaware's homeless providers received more than \$5.9 million dollars to continue to help the most vulnerable among us. Through HUD's Continuum of Care grants, 22 permanent and transitional housing programs will shelter homeless persons and families as well as provide job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. On May 2, HUD announced that Samaritan Outreach in Wilmington was awarded \$547,595 to fund its outreach program that provides case management and referral services to the homeless. Awards for the 19 other projects were announced in March. View a complete [list of the Delaware homeless projects](#) awarded funding. A third round of funding for selected new projects across the nation will be announced later this year.

Upcoming Events

- **May 13 or June 3** – NCALL Research, Inc., Foreclosure Prevention Workshop, 363 Saulsbury Road, Dover, DE. For more information, please contact Kim Weston 302-678-9400.
- **May 14**, 6:30 p.m. – New Castle County Community Services Section 8 Landlord Meeting, Gilliam Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 67 Reads Way, New Castle, DE. For more information, please call (302) 395-5669.
- **May 16**, 10 a.m. to Noon – Delaware State Housing Authority, Housing Development Fund Grant Focus Group Session, Liberty Court Community Building, 1289 Walker Road, Dover, DE. For more information, please contact Penny Pierson at (302) 739-4263 or at penny@destatehousing.com. For more upcoming events, visit [DSHA](http://www.dsha.org).

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State of Maryland Refinancing Event sponsored by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

Nearly 600 Prince George's County homeowners responded to an invitation from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to meet with their servicers in hopes to refinance their loans at an April 6 event in Hyattsville, MD. A total of 10 lenders, including Bank of America, Chase and M&T Bank, brought more than 20 counselors to meet with homeowners looking for refinancing. Hosted by the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development, the event provided an opportunity for the homeowners to learn about the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) opportunities for owners whose mortgages are underwater. Also, the State of Maryland provided information on how to request a review of their property in hopes to lower their property tax; how to shop around for discounts on homeowners' insurance, and finally information on the various energy saving programs. DHCD's Secretary Raymond Skinner and National Capitol Field Office Director Marvin Turner, shown here, were the featured speakers.



DC Businesses Sign-Up for HUD-Funded Opportunities through Section 3 Business Registry

HUD is putting new energy behind the program created to increase job opportunities for low-income individuals and public housing residents and provide contracts for the businesses that hire them. On April 23, HUD's District of Columbia Field Office and the University of the District of Columbia hosted 50 local business owners to learn about how they may qualify for more HUD-funded opportunities through HUD's Section 3 Business Registry. The District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development and the District of Columbia Housing Authority also supported the event, which will be the first in a series of similar events conducted throughout in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Staci Gilliam, HUD's Director of the Economic Opportunity Division (pictured here), provided local grantees with an overview of the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act, including purpose, recipient responsibilities, national performance indicators or trends and current initiatives. HUD launched a Section 3 Business Registry Pilot program in five metropolitan areas—including the Washington, DC metro. For additional information, [click here](#).

Langston Terrace Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On May 4; Langston Terrace Dwellings celebrated its 75th anniversary with historical tours, a picnic and special children's events. Opened in 1938, Langston Terrace was the first U.S. Government-funded public housing project in Washington and the second in the nation. It was designed by African-American architect Hilyard Robinson, a native Washingtonian. Construction began in 1935 as part of the New Deal relief work initiated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. African American workers performed most of the construction work. The finished complex of 274 units provided affordable housing to working-class families who competed for the opportunity to live there at a time of extreme housing shortages. For the complete story, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events & Notices

- **DUE May 15, 5 p.m. EDT** – Prince George's County Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability for the Spring 2013 HOME Investment Partnerships Program for acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental or homeownership opportunities. Approximately \$3,000,000 in funding is available. Application for HOME funds can be obtained from the Prince George's County DHCD, Housing Development Division, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 420, Largo, MD 20774 by calling 301-883-5570 or DHCD's [website](#).
- **DUE MAY 31, 4 p.m. EDT** – District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Spring FY 2013 Consolidated Request for Proposals and Applications. This NOFA includes funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program, the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) program, 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) the Department of Mental Health (DMH) funds administered by DHCD, the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP), the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) and the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Program, and the Department of Human Services (DHS) supportive services funds for permanent supportive housing. The RFP and RFA package [materials can be downloaded here](#). Frequently Asked Questions can be directed to the rfpquestions@dc.gov.

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Baltimore Conference Examines the State of Fair Housing

On April 12, HUD's Baltimore Field Office, the University of Maryland's Carey School of Law, and Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. sponsored a forum on affirmatively furthering fair housing to mark the 45th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Professionals from the fair housing community gathered to discuss legal and programmatic developments in achieving the purpose of the Fair Housing Act. Presenters discussed a range of issues from implementation and enforcement of the legal duty to affirmatively further fair housing to federal regulatory reforms and HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative program. Funded in part by a HUD grant, the event presented an excellent opportunity to discuss the progress being made to fulfill the original intent of the Fair Housing Act. Presentations are available [online](#). Pictured left to right are Michael Mitchell, National Community Reinvestment Coalition; Barbara Bezdek, University of Maryland's Carey School of Law; Melody Taylor-Blancher, HUD Region III Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; Stella Adams, National Fair Housing Training Academy; and David Zisser, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law.



Region III Leadership Meets with Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Region III Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent and Baltimore Field Office Director Carol Payne met with members of the Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Group and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) on April 8, discussing a range of topics from fair housing to the BMC's \$3.5 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, which was awarded in FY 2011. Representatives from area Public Housing Authorities shared challenges concerning the portability of housing choice vouchers while the fair housing committee discussed efforts to direct housing resources to opportunity areas. As the BMC works through the [Opportunity Collaborative](#) to develop a regional plan for sustainable development, the Baltimore Field Office will continue to

support its planning efforts. Members of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Opportunity Collaborative join HUD's Jane C.W. Vincent, Carol Payne, J.C. Shay and Niki Edwards for a photo.

Union Rowe Gets High Energy Program from Collaboration

It was a gorgeous clear day in Baltimore when beautiful, excited children, Union Rowe residents and seven Baltimore agencies kicked off a high energy program to educate, conserve, weatherize and thwart asthma in the 72-unit complex in downtown Baltimore. Union Rowe was established with National Stabilization Program funds. Fostered by an idea of Harry Spikes, staff to Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, the Baltimore Field Office of HUD, Baltimore Housing, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative/ Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Baltimore Energy Challenge, University of Baltimore, National Housing Services and AHC Baltimore, Inc. worked together to organize and implement an energy saving, health bringing project. "I am most gratified that we were able to partner with so many agencies that understood the urgency of such an effort, especially the asthma aspect of the project, and that we were of one accord to bring needed education and assistance to residents," said Carol Payne, Baltimore Field Office Director of HUD. "This project can become a model for multifamily projects throughout Maryland and the U.S.," she continued.

Maryland Receives Federal Funding to Provide Rental Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Secretary Raymond A. Skinner has announced that the State of Maryland will receive approximately \$11 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through HUD's Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (PRA Demo). The PRA Demo program provides rental assistance to extremely low-income persons with disabilities, many of whom are transitioning out of institutional settings or are at high risk of homelessness. The \$10.97 million received from HUD will provide five years of rental assistance for 150 units that will serve non-elderly persons with disabilities with incomes at or below 30 percent Area Median Income who receive Medicaid services. The PRA Demo funds will be administered by DHCD in partnership with the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

Mayor Welcomes CityLIFT Homebuyers at the Baltimore Convention Center

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Congressman Elijah Cummings, Housing Commissioner Paul T. Graziano, Wells Fargo and NeighborWorks America launched the second stage of the Wells Fargo CityLIFT Homeownership Incentive Program at the Baltimore Convention Center. The innovative sustainable housing program will help revitalize Baltimore neighborhoods by offering \$15,000 in down payment assistance grants to 300 qualified homebuyers. Prospective homebuyers learned about city homes for sale and other down payment assistance programs. Loan officers from several banks were on hand to discuss mortgage financing options. The Wells Fargo CityLIFT program in Baltimore City supports two of Mayor Rawlings-Blake's premier initiatives-Vacants to Value and Growing Baltimore by 10,000 households in 10 years.

[Good News for Sellers As Home Prices Rose, Inventory Fell](#)

February home sales grew by double digits in 10 of Maryland's 24 counties and by nearly eight percent in Baltimore City, according to the latest issue of Maryland Housing Beat, DHCD's monthly profile of the state's housing economy. Maryland recorded a 3.1 percent annual increase in home sales in February, the highest volume for the month since 2007, the data show. Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Garrett, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset and Wicomico counties posted double-digit growth. Median home sales prices grew by more than five percent over February 2012 and the inventory of existing homes for sale plunged to its lowest volume since August 2005. The number of days homes remained on the market brought more good news for sellers. In February, homes stayed on the market for 89 days on average, nearly a month less than last year. Maryland Housing Beat is an in-depth review of housing-related data compiled by DHCD's Office of Research and Statistical Analysis from a broad range of sources.

CPHA Baltimore to Hold a Community Conversation on Health

Jayne Miller, Investigative Reporter for WBAL-TV 11, moderated "a community conversation on how citizens can improve the health of their communities." Serving on the panel of experts were Carol B. Payne, Field Office Director for HUD in Baltimore, Anne Palmer of the Center for a Livable Future and Klaus Philipsen of ArchPlan. Other city leaders and elected officials participated in the dialogue at the event held on May 1, 2013 at the War Memorial Hall in the heart of the city. The discussion centered on what creates a healthy community, how can community health be improved and what ingredients contribute to a healthy community environment including housing choice, alcohol outlet density, food accessibility and transit access. The event was hosted by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association in partnership with the Baltimore City Health Department.

C. Williams Brooks in Hagerstown Recognized by NAHRO

Not only did the Hagerstown Housing Authority rid the City of a dilapidated gas station built in the 1950s, but now the City's economically distressed elderly residents find themselves in an affordable, safe, energy-efficient, award-winning apartment building. C. Williams Brooks, completed in July 2011, was touted as one of the first completed developments in the nation using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Recently HHA added yet another honor to the growing list of kudos for the senior housing development—the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Awards of Excellence in Program Innovation & Community Revitalization. The 60-unit senior midrise now complements a pre-existing 326-unit high-rise development and the HHA administration building. Due to the large interest of "Going Green" and the recognition of their high quality standards, the project also helped decrease the social stigmas association with public housing—as seen by the growing waitlist for C. Williams Brooks. To learn more, [click here](#).



Upcoming Events

- **May 18** – Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake announces their fourth ReStore is opening in Columbia. For details, visit www.ChesapeakeReStore.org or www.facebook.com/chesapeakerestore.
- **May 22** – Maryland Affordable Housing & Redevelopment Association's Spring Conference will begin with a pre-conference program with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Programs & Mixed Finance Development for Public Housing Authorities. Maryland's annual three-day event will feature sessions ranging from Maintenance and Property Management to Housing Choice Vouchers Projections and Planning, REAC, Partnerships, Housing our Homeless Heroes and Sequestration. Bill Tamburrino, Baltimore Field Office Director of Public Housing and Ray Skinner, Secretary of DHCD will jointly lead an executive leadership caucus focusing on policy, regulations and news from HUD. The conference will culminate in the MAHRA Annual Meeting on Friday, May 24. The event will be held in the Clarion Fontainebleu Hotel in Ocean City. Call 1-800-638-2100 for room reservations.

PENNSYLVANIA – EASTERN REGION

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Philadelphia Housing Authority Returns to Local Control

The [Philadelphia Housing Authority \(PHA\)](#) was returned to local control on April 26, paving the way for its newly appointed Board of Commissioners to officially assume oversight over agency operations. HUD Senior Advisor Estelle Richman and Assistant Secretary Sandra Henriquez gave remarks at the board meeting and presented the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to Suzanne Biemiller, First Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Michael Nutter, terminating the federal receivership and returning management to the City of Philadelphia. Pictured left to right along with Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell (3rd District), and Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez (7th District). “We are here today because of the untiring efforts of HUD’s receivership team, in particular Estelle Richman, and a new management team at PHA to restore the credibility of this agency for the citizens of Philadelphia,” said Henriquez. “It’s a great day for the City, the housing authority, HUD, and most importantly, the residents who rely on the housing and services PHA provides.” The receivership began in March 2011, with Richman overseeing agency operations as the PHA Board Chair. A new management team was put into place, including the permanent appointment of Kelvin Jeremiah as the PHA president and CEO. “I take pride and pleasure in having this opportunity to leave this agency with the team we have in place,” said Richman. “The time has come for HUD to step aside and allow this agency to continue the progress it has made independent of the federal government.” For more photos, please visit the [Region III Flickr](#) page.



Chester Area Advocates Learn About Healthy Homes

On April 26, HUD partnered with EPA, Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry Region 3 and Crozer-Keystone Health System to provide a free, one-on-one training course to community health workers, health educators and nurse practitioner at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Chester. For those attending, the course provided information and tools needed to teach community residents and clients how to make sure their homes are healthy and safe so that associated health problems will be reduced. The day-long session taught by the National Center for Healthy Housing gave one-on-one as well as large group educational opportunities to learn about healthy homes, gain advice about specific problems, and receive guidance on recommended techniques and approaches to be taken by families, landlords and other community members.

Luis Pellot from Philadelphia’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (pictured right) and Eric Ramoth of Field Policy and Management conducted **housing seminars in Spanish during an April 24 event at the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia**. In celebration of Financial Education Week, the Consulate asked HUD to provide information for participants about the care and management of finances and to build awareness about equal opportunities in housing.



The **HUD Philadelphia Homeownership Center (HOC)** held a one-day seminar entitled **How to Deliver Exceptional Customer Service**. More than 150 staff members attended the sessions

tailored to address the particular situations and challenges facing HOC staff when responding to customer inquiries. In addition to creating individual action plans to further staff development, attendees found the “What would you do?” exercises applicable to everyday interactions with teammates, family, friends and other situations outside of the office.

Upcoming Events

- **May 15**, 10 a.m. to Noon – Fair Housing Training: Serving Consumers with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), HUD Guidelines & Resources presented by the Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia at 455 Maryland Drive, Suite 190, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Participants will learn about various LEP populations in Southeast Pennsylvania, challenges they face in housing and language resources available to those serving these populations. To register, [click here](#).
- **June 6**, 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Fair Housing Webinar for Nonprofit Housing Agencies. This training is designed for nonprofits, housing counselors and social service agencies that receive HUD funding to operate their housing programs. Participants will gain an increased understanding of the Fair Housing Act as it relates to implementation of HUD funded projects and learn best practices for compliance with Federal and local housing discrimination laws. To register online, [click here](#) or call 267-419-8918, extension 2.



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Interactive Build a City Exercise Engages Young “Planners” for Bring Your Daughter and Son to Work Day

Like other workplaces across the nation, the HUD Pittsburgh Field Office did a little advanced recruiting on April 25. While observing Bring Your Daughter and Son to Work Day, HUD’s young guests explored sustainable living standards and learned about “mixed use” and “green space” through their “Build a City” construction project. Participants were treated to a recycling presentation by the Pittsburgh GSA Green Team and learned about repurposing plastic,

rainwater, and much more. But, the most poignant exploration was when they learned how to assist peers they know who may be experiencing difficult times or homelessness. “I’d give them everything I have and then even more,” one young man noted. Not only did they gain a new appreciation for what their family members do at HUD, as a parting gift each youngster was also given a small live seedling plant to nurture and grow to maturity in observation of Earth Week.

Three Keynoters Boost Attendance at Annual Commonwealth Housing Forum

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency loaded the agenda with three housing-related keynoters for the 2013 Commonwealth Housing Forum in Harrisburg. Dr. Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody’s Analytics pictured at right with PHFA’s Brian Hudson, spoke about economic trends and their impact on the housing market in Pennsylvania. Joseph Smith, monitor for the National Mortgage Settlement, discussed how that settlement with the nation’s top-five mortgage servicers is being used to fund the state’s foreclosure prevention program and Alan Heavens, well known to many Pennsylvanians for his 24 years of columns as the residential real estate and home improvement reporter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, rounded out the plenary sessions with his talk on how the media impacts the market.



Region III Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent led a session on the various major housing programs receiving federal funding addressing what has changed and what has remained the same as to where federal dollars are being directed.

Energy Efficiency Foreclosure Prevention Initiative Pilot Launched in Allegheny County

In March, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced the creation of an Energy Efficiency Foreclosure Prevention Initiative (EEFPI) Program aimed at providing energy efficiency improvements to homeowners who have Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) mortgages to realize savings in their utility bills. The pilot was created through a partnership with PHFA, ACTION-Housing and four utility companies: Columbia Gas, Duquesne Light, Equitable Gas and Peoples Natural Gas. A PHFA approved \$250,000 grant to implement the pilot will be supplemented by an additional \$750,000 provided through the utilities’ energy efficiency and weatherization programs. This program will target at least 200 Allegheny County homeowners who have PHFA mortgages whose household incomes are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limits, and will provide at no cost energy efficiency improvements to the homeowners. For more information, click here.

Upcoming Events

- **May 15** – Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Management Association Seminar: Interviewing Skills & Techniques and Marketing of Affordable Housing at the Four Points Sheraton-North, Warrendale, PA. A.J. Johnson presents a new seminar for onsite affordable housing staff. The training is eligible for seven hours of Continuing Education Credits through the Academy of Real Estate Careers. For more info or to register, visit www.PAHMA.org or call 412.445.8357.
- **May 23**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Where to Turn Resource Fair, David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. To RSVP for lunch, contact Laura Rentler by email at LRentler@american-healthcare.net or call 412.563.7825.
- **June 7**, 1 to 4:30 p.m. – Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information System Users’ Conference, The University Club, Pittsburgh. This 4th annual event will focus this year on the models for sharing and using public information. RSVP via pncis@pitt.edu or 412.624.9177.
- **June 17 through 19** – 2013 Housing Services Conference will be held at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center in State College. This event brings together housing management and services in one place for great keynote speakers and sessions for both services staff and management. Registration is now open; please email HousingServices@phfa.org.

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Richmond Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Conducts Section 3 Training

Sylvia Berry, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Director for HUD Richmond, conducted Section 3 training in the City Council Chambers of Colonial Heights on April 17. The Section 3 training capped a full day of HUD technical assistance for Colonial Heights, and provided a valuable opportunity for the City's management and leaders to experience HUD's support of their goals. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods



Congratulations!

[Community Housing Partners](#) (CHP) has won the Multifamily Contractor of the Year award as part of [EarthCraft Virginia's 4th Annual Sustainable Leadership Awards](#) (winners pictured here at the event in Richmond). With more than three decades of experience in the preservation and construction of multifamily and single-family affordable housing communities, CHP's long-term commitment is to the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of the communities it serves. It lives out this commitment by employing environmentally-responsible building practices and components in the homes it creates.

Congratulations to [Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition \(PARC\)](#) and [Virginia Supportive Housing](#), recipients of grant awards from the [Hampton Roads Community Foundation](#) to support their affordable housing and homeless services programs.

And, congratulations to [Hampton Roads Ventures](#) (HRV), a community development investment company, which has been awarded an allocation of \$45 million in New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) authority from the U.S. Treasury Department Community Development Financial Institutions Fund ([CDFI Fund](#)). HRV was one of 85 organizations, out of 282 applicants nationwide, that was awarded the NMTC. They have identified three project types that will receive their continued support: light industrial, retail and healthcare. HRV will continue to focus its allocation on projects that will increase jobs, provide significant positive impact within low income communities, and offer a catalytic effect to spur additional private investment in disadvantage communities.

Upcoming Events & Notices

- **May 13 & 14** – Free Capacity Building and Grantwriting two-day workshop in Hampton. Registration is required. Please contact anne.davis@hud.gov to register.
- **May 14** – Succession Planning workshop hosted by Housing Virginia and BB&T in Staunton. Email Anna Strahs Watts at anna@hdadvisors.net to register.
- **DUE May 15** – Applications to the Competitive Loan Pool and the Homeless Reduction Grant Program of the [Virginia Housing Trust Fund](#). Organizations must be registered with CAMS in order to submit an application. [Click here to access CAMS](#). For assistance with application-related questions, contact [Shea Hollifield](mailto:Shea.Hollifield@dhcd.virginia.gov) at 804-371-7031. For technical questions related to using CAMS, [email cams@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:email_cams@dhcd.virginia.gov). Application information for the foreclosure rehabilitation and foreclosure counseling components of the Trust Fund will be announced within the next several weeks.
- **May 15 through 17** – Virginia Association of Housing & Community Development Officials (VAHCDO) 2013 Annual Conference & Scholarship Luncheon, "Navigating New Terrain," Virginia Beach Hilton Oceanfront. To register, [click here](#).
- **May 17** – Free Capacity Building and Grantwriting one-day workshop in Mathews. Registration is required. Please contact anne.davis@hud.gov to register.
- **May 20** – Proposals for workshop presentations at the Governor's Housing Conference are due. Click [here](#) to submit a Conference workshop proposal.
- **May 25 through 31** – Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. For information, [click here](#).
- **June 3** – Registration deadline for the 2013 Virginia Service Foundation's Conference on Volunteerism and Service. The Conference will be held June 13 in Virginia Beach. For more information, click [here](#).
- **June 5** – Governor's Small Business Summit, National Federation of Independent Business. To register, click [here](#).
- **June 14** – Housing Virginia and the Coalition for Housing Opportunity are hosting a symposium on Federal Housing Policy Change in Charlottesville, with U.S. Senator Mark Warner presenting.

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Celebrate Brooks Manor

Brooks Manor, a 57 unit multifamily property that serves low-income seniors and disabled households in Charleston West Virginia was a recipient of a \$332,000 Emergency Capital Repair Grant in 2010. Constructed in 1970, this property had several emergency items that needed to be mitigated. The boiler heat system, roof and windows had become functional obsolete and were in need of immediate replacement, failure of any of these systems would have resulted in displacement of the residents. Grant-funded repairs not only cured the most immediate emergency capital repair needs of the properties, it significantly improved the building's energy efficiency. Historically running about \$15,000 a month to heat, the heading bill is now about \$3,000 a month after converting the heat from a centralized gas fired boiler system to individual electric PTAC units. This savings has allowed the owner to reinvest the savings back into the property to complete upgrades in the units, making this aged property a more attractive housing option.



Upcoming Events

- **May 14**, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Relatives as Parents Training organized by Mission WV with the help and support of the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services and the Children's Home Society, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1600 Kanawha Blvd., East Charleston, WV. This free day-long training opportunity will include a session by Kanawha County Schools Attendance Director Frances Pack titled Understanding Special Education including the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act and IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Act and Legal Aspects of Adoption, Guardianship taught by Dave Barnette, an attorney with Jackson Kelly PLLC. To register, please call MWV toll free at 1-866-CALL-MWV or email [Bob Boyles](mailto:Bob.Boyles@missionwv.org). Attendees may receive five (5) Social Work Continuing Education credits.
- **May 29**, 2 to 3:30 p.m. – Culture and Inclusion Within the Context of Trauma-Informed Domestic Violence Services and Organizations Training conducted by Cathy Cave, co-founder, Inspired Vision Consulting and Terri Pease, PhD, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health. To register: <http://ncdvtmh.webex.com>

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **May 10** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Labor's Face-Forward – Serving Juvenile Offenders Grant Program. Click [here](#) to read the announcement.
- **May 14** – Applications are due for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Substance Abuse Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Women at Risk for HIV/AIDS](#) grants.
- **May 15** – Applications are due for the Libri Foundation's Books for Children Program which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries. For more information, click [here](#).
- **May 17** – Applications are due for the Office of Rural Health Policy's [Flex Rural Veterans Health Access Program](#).
- **May 23** – Applications are due for the Dollar General Literacy Foundation youth literacy grants for schools, public libraries and nonprofits working to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading, and located within twenty miles of a Dollar General Store. For more information, click [here](#).
- **May 24** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [Assets for Independence](#).
- **May 24** – Applications are due for the Bikes Belong [Community Partnership Grant](#) program.
- **May 31** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST-MEP) [Make it in America Challenge](#) grants.
- **May 31** – Expected final allocation date for the [Meadowlark Institute - InCommons](#) small grants to help support community discussions around health assessment or other issues, opportunities or projects. **May 31** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Labor's Make it in America Challenge. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement.
- **May 31** – Concept papers are due for [Home Depot Foundation](#) proposals for Veteran Housing Projects, with a primary

focus on permanent supportive housing. For more information, contact [Kendall McCarthy](#).

- **June 4** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Labor’s [Disability Employment Initiative](#).
- **June 7** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families [Assets for Independence Demonstration Program](#).
- **June 13** – Applications are due for the third quarter funding cycle of the Economic Development Administration’s [Economic Development Assistance Program](#).
- **June 14** – Applications are due for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth [LeTendre Scholarships](#).
- **July 1 & Oct. 1** – Applications are due for 2013 Land O'Lakes Foundation grants for projects that benefit rural communities. For more information and an application, click [here](#).
- **July 3** – Applications are due for the U.S. Department of Labor’s Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program. Click [here](#) to read the announcement.
- **August 13** – [The Home Depot Community Impacts grant program](#) is offering grants to nonprofit organizations, public schools and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. **Priority is given to projects for veterans** that include housing repairs, modifications and weatherization work.
- **Ongoing** – The U.S. Department of Labor is accepting applications for ["Stand Down"](#) grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program](#).
- **Ongoing** – Applications are being accepted for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) [Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program](#) grants to create regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.
- **Ongoing** – [Wells Fargo Homeownership](#) grant program to help local nonprofit housing organizations create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate-income people.
- **Ongoing** – The Surdna Foundation offers funding to nonprofit organizations that seek to help communities build wealth in a sustainable manner. Letters of Inquiry are accepted year around. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Ongoing** – Lowe’s [Toolbox for Education](#) program is now accepting applications. Only the first 1,500 applications will be considered for this year’s funding round.

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