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## HQ NEWS

**MULTIFAMILY ASSISTANT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, JEFFREY LITTLE, ACCEPTS NEW ROLE AS GENERAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN HOUSING FRONT OFFICE**

Effective September 11, 2022, Jeffrey Little joined the Front Office as Housing's new General Deputy Assistant Secretary. He has served at HUD for over 13 years, the last four years as Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs. His previous roles include other leadership positions in the Office of Multifamily Housing, HUD's Office of Strategic Management, and Housing's Office of Operations.



"I've been very fortunate to call Multifamily my professional home for the past eight years. The work we do in providing homes for millions of Americans, including many of our most vulnerable, is an urgent calling. I've truly loved answering that call alongside such wonderful colleagues in DC and across the country.

My favorite thing about my new position as GDAS of Housing is that I'll continue to support the amazing people and programs of Multifamily. We have plenty of great work still ahead of us; please don't hesitate to reach out to me whenever I can be helpful," said General Deputy Assistant Secretary Little in a comment for the September 2022 issue of The Corridor.

## Deputy Secretary Todman visits Hurricane Impacted Fort Myers, Florida



*Pictured left to right: Ronne Apicella, SalusCare; Stacey Cook, SalusCare; Belinda Carmona, The Columbia Property Group, Inc.; Eduardo Colon, Lee Mental Health; Deputy Secretary Todman, U.S. HUD; Alwin Camacho, Lee Mental Health; Tara Phelan, The Columbia Property Group, Inc.; Laurelei McKnight, U.S. HUD, Multifamily SE Region; Melanie Moe, The Columbia Property Group, Inc.*

On October 21, 2022, Deputy Secretary Todman travelled to Fort Myers, Florida to tour areas damaged by Hurricane Ian. The Deputy Secretary was joined by Miami Field Office Director Luis M. Rolle, Fort Myers Mayor Kevin B. Anderson, and the Housing Authority of the City of Ft. Myers (HACFM) Executive Director Marcia Davis. Mayor Anderson briefed the Deputy Secretary on the storm's local impact and joined her as they toured the city.

During the tour, they visited Lee Mental Health Center, a 20-unit property assisted through HUD's Section 811 (disabled occupancy) program, and the Lee County Emergency Operations Center. At the Lee County Emergency Operations Center, the Deputy Secretary met with first responder agencies and emergency relief organizations.

Executive Director, Marcia Davis, escorted the Deputy Secretary to Southward Village, where residents were assured that all available resources would be provided to help them recover from the storm. Southward Village is one of the HACFM's largest and oldest properties with 200 families. Southward Village is slated for redevelopment and is included in a \$30 million HUD Choice Neighborhood Award. The transformed Southward Village will include 375 new mixed-income apartments, of which 159 will be for Southward Village residents. The neighborhood transformation will help the people in the neighborhood with increased access to services, economic opportunities, and healthy foods.



*Deputy Secretary Todman surveys damage in Fort Myers, FL after Hurricane Ian.*

**NEW DATA SHOWS 11% DECLINE IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS SINCE 2020—THE BIGGEST DROP IN MORE THAN 5 YEARS**

**WASHINGTON** — On November 3, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) announced preliminary results of the 2022 Point-in-Time Count showing an 11% decline in Veteran homelessness since early 2020, the last time a full count was conducted. This is the biggest drop in Veteran homelessness in more than five years.



The data showed that on a single night in January 2022, there were 33,136 Veterans who were experiencing homelessness in the United States – down from 37,252 in 2020. Overall, this represents a 55.3% reduction in Veterans experiencing homelessness since 2010.

“All Veterans deserve to have what they need to lead healthy, safe, and successful lives – that starts with a place to call home,” said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. “The data released today shows we are closer than ever in ensuring that every Veteran in America has a home and challenges us to ensure that every Veteran – and every person in America – has a home.”

“One Veteran experiencing homelessness will always be one too many, but the 2022 PIT Count shows that we are making real progress in the fight to end Veteran homelessness,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “There is still a long way to go, but under President Biden’s leadership, we at VA, HUD and USICH will not stop until every Veteran has a good, safe, stable home in this country they fought to defend.”

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

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## PRESS RELEASES



### SMALL COMMUNITIES WIN BIG WITH A \$1 MILLION HUD GRANT PROGRAM

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**HUD ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF MORE THAN \$148 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR MULTIFAMILY ASSISTED HOUSING PROPERTY OWNERS TO COMBAT COVID-19**



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**HUD CLOSES RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION CONVERSION IN COOKEVILLE, TN, TO SUPPORT 48 NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES**

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**HUD ANNOUNCES SECTION 202 PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE RENEWAL CONTRACT TERM INCREASES**



- [Read the announcement](#)



**HUD MAKES \$174.6 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ONGOING PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS**

- [Read the announcement](#)

## HUD TO ANNOUNCE \$180 MILLION CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS



- [Read the announcement](#)



## HUD RELEASES UPDATED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY DISASTER READINESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY GUIDEBOOK

- [Read the announcement](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

### FISCAL YEAR 22 CLOSEOUT AND EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



*Atlanta office staff enjoying the selected film.*

On October 12, 2022, management in the Atlanta Multifamily Regional Center hosted a lunch and movie for their staff in celebration of fiscal year 2022's accomplishments, completion of the MPG goals and to close out the fiscal year. Local Office of General Council staff members were invited and attended, which gave an opportunity to meet and greet in person, those we work with daily. Lunch was served and there was a special viewing of "Top Gun: Maverick", which got good reviews.



The following week, on October 18, 2022, Multifamily Regional Director, Mark Dominick, along with several members of Multifamily's Jacksonville leadership team hosted a staff appreciation event in the Jacksonville Satellite Office. The event, attended by over 52 Multifamily staff persons, along with Jacksonville's Office of General Counsel, provided food, refreshments, and FUN!! It was held to celebrate Multifamily's regional achievements of Fiscal Year 2022 and it also facilitated an unforgettable teambuilding session. The event began with an introduction of each person present and culminated in a thought-provoking battle of the brains, "Jeopardy" styled-game. Those who attended were delighted at the opportunity to gather in person once again, and reunite with coworkers they may have not seen in months, and to also meet new employees who recently joined the HUD family.



*Jeopardy Winners listed left to right: Jackie Wells, Account Executive; Clarence Quarterman, Senior Account Executive; B. Felita Guy, Account Executive; Tyra Mason, Account Executive; Tricia Hodges, Senior Account Executive*



## CITY OF SANFORD CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF 226 LINDEN AVENUE



On October 31, 2022, members of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Greensboro Field Office joined the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the City of Sanford, and the Sanford Housing Authority (SHA) for a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the completion of 226 Linden Avenue.

The Linden Avenue Renovation Project began in 2018. The project yielded five permanent, affordable housing units, including four 1-bedroom units and one 2-bedroom unit. Hope White, Board Chair for the Sanford Housing Authority, opened by sharing, "We are better together." This project highlights success through collaboration, the strength of partnerships, and ongoing commitment amongst federal, state, and local governments and the local housing authority.

"Partnership and collaboration are what we do here. We were looking to undertake something that would be an initiative that would help people experiencing homelessness. We have taken on this project and wrapped our arms around it as a community," shared Mayor Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, City of Sanford.

The project's total cost was \$1,996,760, of which \$ 991,967 of funding came from [Community Development Block Grant](#) Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) funds. There were many contributors, including the N.C. Housing Finance Agency, SHA, and others.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

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## DEPUTY SECRETARY TODMAN TOURS AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MIAMI, HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF PREPARING FOR DISASTERS



*María Campos, long-time president of the resident council at Robert King High Tower in River Parc, welcomed Deputy Secretary Todman's visit with a serenade.*

On October 21, 2022, Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman, along with Southeast Regional Administrator Jose Alvarez, met with the Miami HUD team. During her visit, she participated in a tour of affordable housing in the heart of the city and to participate in a fireside chat on resilience and inclusivity at the Smart City Expo USA.

During the meet and greet with the HUD Miami Field Office team, Deputy Secretary Todman actively engaged with staff, raised awareness of the importance of preparing for disasters in honor of National Preparedness Month, and announced the release of the updated [Public Housing Agency \(PHA\) Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery Guidebook](#) to assist PHAs in effectively navigating the disaster process.

The tour of affordable housing at River Parc was hosted by Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Executive Director Michael Liu. River Parc is a 25-acre site redevelopment project along the Miami River that has 800 units of public housing for seniors and is being transformed into a 2,500 mixed income unit. With a total development cost of over \$600 million, River Parc will contain retail outlets, commercial office space, a performance venue, a river walk, a major grocery outlet, and restaurants. To date, approximately 1,100 units have been 100% rehabbed, completed as new units, or remain under construction. The value of HUD's contribution is well over \$50 million.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

## PUERTO RICO SIGNS AGREEMENT TO USE CDBG-DR FUNDS TO REBUILD EARTHQUAKE DAMAGED HOMES



On September 30, 2022, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) and six of the most affected municipalities—Lajas, Guayanilla, Guánica, Ponce, Yauco, and Peñuelas—signed an agreement for the use of \$36.4 million in HUD Community Planning and Development Disaster Recovery funds ([CDBG-DR](#)) through a municipal consortium called ConSur (Consortio del Sur, in English, Southern Consortium) to help with long-term earthquake recovery.

HUD is invested in the effective and long-lasting recovery for these southern towns, which have suffered disaster after disaster: the effects of Hurricane Maria in 2017, the COVID-19 pandemic, earthquakes, and the most recent storm, Hurricane Fiona. Just this year, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge and Southeast Administrator José Álvarez met with the ConSur group to provide support for this initiative, and the HUD San Juan Field Office, through its director Efrain Maldonado and the Disaster Recovery Coordinating Officer Laura Rivera, offers technical assistance.

The PRDOH is the state grantee of these funds and has developed an action plan focused on a Housing Seismic Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Action Plan (SR2). PRDOH Secretary William Rodríguez said of the agreement, “We seek to effectively implement the funds available for the recovery of the south, by integrating the most affected municipalities in its administration and management, as entrusted by Governor Pedro Pierluisi. This is a unique and crucial opportunity

for the municipalities themselves and low-income families who still need to live under a safe roof.” With the signing of this agreement, ConSur will start the process of executing the plan.

More information on the SR2 program can be found here: <https://cdbg-dr.pr.gov/en/seismic-home-rehabilitation-and-reconstruction-action-plan/>

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR SANDRA D. HUDSON VILLAS IN EAST ROME, GEORGIA



*Pictured left to right: Tonya Cureton-Curry, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Community Affairs; Jim Keaten, NWGHA Board of Commissioners; Michael Taylor, NWGHA Board of Commissioners*

On September 15, 2022, Branch Chief, Marzine Hudson, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in Atlanta attended the Open House and ribbon cutting ceremony for Sandra D. Hudson Villas in East Rome, Georgia, where a detailed and ongoing Community Revitalization/Transformation Plan is in progress.

The newly constructed property is a 9% LIHTC/RAD development that consist of 66 units (1, 2, 3, and 4-bedroom units). The site location was formerly Altoview Terrace, a 95-unit public housing development that was demolished in 2013. The site is less than 400 feet from public transportation and common amenities include a community room/clubhouse with a kitchenette, laundry facility, swimming pool, playground, and picnic pavilion with grills. Units are fully equipped with ceramic tile flooring, granite countertops, a refrigerator with an icemaker, a microwave, a range top with an oven, and washer/dryer connections.

Northwest Georgia Housing Authority (NWGHA) has always been on the forefront and cutting edge of services for its residents. NWGHA's mission is to provide safe and decent housing alongside innovative and supportive services for its residents in their efforts to become self-sufficient. Residents are encouraged to participate in NWGHA's Adult Education Program, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and Project SOAR.

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a voluntary program for participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program who want to gain employment, continuing education, or set other goals related to self-sufficiency. NWGHA has provided safe, decent and sanitary housing for its residents since its organization in 1938. NWGHA was organized to provide public housing and has since expanded to include RAD projects and LIHTC projects.



*Governor Brian Kemp and Mary Helen Heaner, NWGHA Board of Commissioners, address the audience during the Open House event.*

## **IN ARROYO, PUERTO RICO, SUEÑO REAL MEANS 13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS FOR SENIORS**



*Months of work and technical assistance came to fruition with the redevelopment plan for the abandoned property. From left, Minerva de Jesús, Director of Sueño Real-AMSI; Luis Ortiz Lugo, PR Congressman; Víctor Bilbraut, Municipal Legislator; Jovanna Morales, HUD Multifamily SE Disposition Director; Eric Bachier Román, Mayor of Arroyo; Efrain Maldonado, HUD San Juan Field Office Director; Juan Devarié, Assistant to Arroyo Mayor.*

On September 9, 2022 the Mayor of Arroyo Eric Bachier, HUD San Juan Field Office Director Efrain Maldonado, and the Director of HUD Region IV Multifamily Housing Disposition Office Jovanna Morales, celebrated the acquisition of the Sueño Real houses by the municipality for a nominal fee after a public foreclosure auction. A joint effort between HUD and the Municipality of Arroyo resulted in 13 affordable housing opportunities for elderly individuals and families in the Sueño Real Development in Barrio Guasimas.

The Municipality of Arroyo will administer these units and provide supportive services for this area where, according to recent Census data, almost 19% of residents under age 65 were reported to have a disability and 60% of the overall population in Arroyo are reported to meet poverty income levels. For years, this property was abandoned and never occupied by the individuals it was intended to serve and never able to fulfill its purpose for the community.

The Sueño Real Development was originally insured by HUD in 2014 under the 811 Capital Advance Program for the disabled. Fortunately, the property received regular maintenance and didn't suffer much damage. Mayor Bachier is proud of this acquisition and plans to rehabilitate the properties and offer them as affordable rentals to the elderly community. After months of technical assistance from the Multifamily Disposition team and local HUD San Juan Office, the Municipality's

Housing Department was able to obtain approval of the Redevelopment Plan for Sueño Real. Upon HUD winning the foreclosure auction and transferring the property to Arroyo, the Municipality commits to maintaining these 13 units as affordable housing, which will help ease the demand for affordable rentals in this area.

## SECTION 3 WEBINAR FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS



On August 24, 2022, Southeast Regional Administrator Jose Alvarez opened the Section 3 Webinar for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands with these remarks: "The [Section 3](#) is not only a HUD requirement but a path towards self-sufficiency." The virtual event took place, with an audience of more than 300 participants,

as part of a dual effort on behalf of the San Juan Field Office; first to honor the stakeholders' requests for Section 3 training, and second to promote economic development as part of the White House Economic Dialogue Working Group.

On behalf of HUD, Nathan Roush from the Field Policy and Management Office of Economic Development presented on the Section 3 New Rule and Best Practices for Section 3 compliance. James Castle from the Office of Community Planning and Development presented on reporting requirements for Disaster Recovery grantees.

From Puerto Rico's Department of Housing, Maria Rodríguez shared a reflection on lessons learned regarding their Section 3 efforts, highlighting the importance of collaboration with agencies such as the Small Business Administration and local business incubators. Rodríguez also emphasized the importance of messaging and outreach for Section 3 as a [CDBG-DR](#) grantee, stating that Section 3 compliance is not achieved from the desk but instead from in person outreach visiting the communities that will be impacted by the funds subject to Section 3.

## Southeast Region Multifamily Housing Loans Endorsed in FY 2023 Year-To-Date

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>#Loans</b>	<b>#Units/Beds</b>	<b>Amount (Millions)</b>
241 Improvement/Additions/Other	0	0	0
New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation	3	450	80,222,200
Refinance 223f and A7 Streamline Refinance	3	532	62,774,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>142,996,700</b>

## **RESOURCES AND UPDATES**

### **Multifamily Notices and Memorandums**

#### **CSP ROUND V**

On October 31, 2022, the Office of Multifamily Housing announced the availability of up to \$148.8 million in supplemental operating funds available to owners of Multifamily assisted properties to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The announcement in Housing Notice H 2022-06 opens the fifth round of application submissions for Section 8, Section 202 and Section 811 owners to submit eligible expenses for reimbursement under this funding, provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

To be eligible for reimbursement under CSP Round V, owner purchases/expenditures must be completed by January 31, 2023. The deadline for owners to request funds is February 21, 2023. Note, an updated CSP request form (HUD 52671-E) to be used for Round V is still under development, with the goal to post this on HUDCLIPS within the next month.

Click [here](#) to read the full notice.

### **SECTION 202 CAPITAL ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUNDING ANNOUNCED**



The Office of Multifamily Housing published its Section 202 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2022. The NOFO provides up to \$174.6 million in grant funding opportunities through the Section 202 program. Applications are due by January 25, 2023.

This NOFO makes funds available for the development of new housing and rental assistance for low-income seniors. Under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program, HUD provides upfront “capital advances” to nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of supportive rental housing for elderly very low-income residents, as well as a “Project Rental Assistance Contracts” (PRAC) to keep rents affordable. The program provides elderly persons 62 years of age or older with the opportunity to live independently in an environment that provides support services to meet their unique needs.

Read the NOFO [here](#). See the grants.gov page [here](#). Read the press release [here](#).

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## **FHA REVISES POLICY FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT ACCOUNTS**

The Office of Multifamily Housing recently published [Housing Notice 2022-04/Mortgagee Letter 2022-12](#), introducing its new policy for delegating the process for approving borrowers’ requests for disbursement of funds from Reserve for Replacement (RfR) accounts to lenders. The Policy provides two options available to lenders in review of borrower distribution request, Full Delegation and Partial Delegation. Full Delegation enables lenders to take full responsibility for review and approving borrowers’ request for disbursements. Partial Delegation would enable lenders to review and recommend requests for approval by HUD.

HUD is currently limiting this delegation to certain properties in its portfolio as outlined in the Section IV of the Housing Notice/Mortgagee Letter. While this policy is effective immediately, lenders will need to seek and obtain approval prior to conducting delegated reviews of HUD-9250 RfR disbursement requests. The process for obtaining approval is outlined in Section III of the HN/ML.

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## **HUD PUBLISHES FY 2023 FAIR MARKET RENTS**

On September 1, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released fair market rents for fiscal year 2023, which increased by a national average of 10% – a significant number, as historically year-over-year increases have hovered around 4%. These FMRs are used as a basis across a range of HUD programs, including housing voucher payment standards, maximum award amounts for Continuums of Care, and rent ceilings in HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant and Project Based Rental Assistance renewals.

The more than double increase of the [FY 23 FMR](#) national average vs. FY 22 is poised to allow more housing voucher holders to access affordable, stable housing

in today's rental market. In the Midwest, 95% of the markets have seen an FMR increase of at least 5%, passing historical numbers as well, and aligning more closely with the market to improve usability.

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

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## NEW POLICY: HOUSING NOTICE ISSUED TO UPDATE PRAC RENEWAL GUIDANCE

HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs published a [Notice](#) establishing a process to increase the standard Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC) renewal term to 5-years from the 1-year terms authorized in the past. This change will enable a more efficient annual funding process and reduce paperwork burdens for both owners and HUD.

HUD Asset Management staff, along with owners and management agents for all properties with a PRAC – both Section 202 and Section 811 – should review the Notice for new information on processing of mid-year rent adjustments, shifting future expiration dates to the end of the month, and limited waivers for annual budget submission requirements. The Notice also includes an updated version of the PRAC renewal amendment, which will be used for renewal of all PRACs expiring January 1, 2023 or later.

Execution of 5-year Section 202 contracts will be phased in over a three-year period, with a portion of the 202 PRAC portfolio switching to a 5-year contract in 2023, 2024, and 2025. Section 811 PRACs will remain on annual contracts. The year in which a 5-year contract will first be issued to a property is determined by the last digit of the Capital Advance Project Number.

Read the full Notice [here](#).

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## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Hare has been promoted to Technical Specialist Branch Chief in the Jacksonville office. He was born and raised in northern Illinois but as an "Army brat" lived in Missouri, Georgia, and Virginia as well. He holds a Master of Architecture from University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (2001) and has worked in various construction and architectural related fields. He started his HUD career in the Louisville, KY field office in 2011 in architecture before transitioning to a Construction Analyst in 2015. He has been married to his wife Shannon for 14 years and they have two boys, Kaiden (13) and Ethan (9), a Morkie named Max and an Australian Shepperd named Chloe. He is a 10 year Army Veteran (Staff Sergeant, Infantry) serving in both Iraq and



Afghanistan. In his free time he likes to spend time with his family, fishing, the beach, and woodworking.



Kendall Allen has been promoted to Underwriting Branch Chief in the Jacksonville office. He joined HUD in 2010 and began his federal career through the Pathways Intern program. In this role, he started with Multifamily Asset Management and remained in Asset Management until he transitioned to Production in 2016. In Production, he's held various roles including Underwriter Analyst, Underwriter and Senior Underwriter. Also, he has led the region's training efforts for the past year. He enjoys teaching, coaching and mentoring others and is always willing to assist when needed, even when he may not know the answer. When he's not working, Kendall likes spending time family and is a Florida Gators fan.

Saadia Figueroa-Smallwood has been selected for a detail to the position of Field Asset Management (FAM) Division Director for 120 days as of October 24th. She has been a Branch Chief for the Asset Resolution team in the Jacksonville, Florida office since 2015. She started as an auditor in 1999 and transitioned to Project Manager in 2008. Her passion is helping people and working for HUD gives her that opportunity. She strongly believes that housing is a basic human need, and through her role in program administration, she is able to preserve the limited affordable housing stock and ensure it remains decent, safe, and sanitary for years to come.

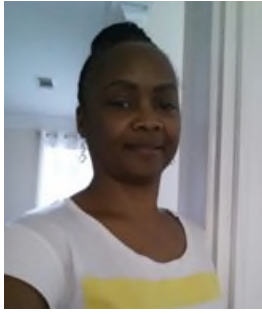


Cathleen Franklin is a new Account Executive in the Atlanta Office. Originally from Portsmouth, Ohio, she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2001 from Shawnee State University while working as the Grants Technician for the City of Portsmouth. She has also worked for the Portsmouth Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Piketon Metropolitan Housing Authority, and for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. In her free time she enjoys

traveling with her daughter for sports, playing with their Labradoodle, Willow, and spending family time at the pool.

Stephanie Flowers is a new Program Assistant in the Atlanta office. She was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia and is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Prior to joining HUD, she worked for the Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her son, nature walks, going to the beach and traveling.





Josette Wright is a new Program Assistant in the Atlanta office. She is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a retired veteran of the United States Air Force. Prior to joining HUD, she worked at the Atlanta Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Air Force Base Housing in Okinawa, Japan and Atlanta's Department of Justice. She has two children and four grandchildren and in her free time she enjoys traveling, comedy, walking Stone Mountain, and dancing with her left feet.

Veronica Grantham is a new Housing Program Assistant in the Atlanta office. She is originally from Socorro County, New Mexico and veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Prior to joining HUD, she was a Housing Maintenance Service Call Chief in Okinawa, Japan and a Fire and Emergency Service Dispatcher at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia. In her free time, she enjoys quilting, beading, and spending time with her family.



Kelli Larkan is a new Program Analyst in the Jacksonville office. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and prior to joining HUD, she worked at a law firm in downtown Jacksonville. She is a self-described "Army brat" and has lived in Germany, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Florida. She is married and has five children. In her free time, she enjoys making stained glass art, participating in marathons, and decorating for Halloween.

Darryl Lezama is a new Program Assistant in the Atlanta office. Originally from Trinidad & Tobago, he is also a retired veteran of the United States Navy. He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Strayer University. Prior to joining HUD, he worked for Boeing Aircraft Corporation and for the United States Air Force. He is married with three children.



Andre Thomas is a new Account Executive in the Atlanta office. He is originally from Harlem, New York and is a veteran of the United States Navy. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Communications from Jones International University and a Master's degree in Finance from Johnson & Wales University. Prior to joining HUD, he was an Equity Trader for his own company and has also worked in Property Management in various roles. In his free time, he enjoys reading, traveling, and spending quality time with his wife and daughter.

Abdullateef Seriki is a new Account Executive in the Atlanta office. He was born and raised in Nigeria and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Management from Park University and a Master's degree in Accounting and Finance from Keller Graduate School of Management. Prior to joining HUD, he worked for the United States Postal Service and the Defense Logistics Agency. He is married with three children. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer and ping pong, and volunteering at the local mosque.



Jose Velez is a new Account Executive in the Atlanta office, reporting to the Jacksonville office. He was born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut and is a veteran of the United States Army. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. Prior to joining HUD, he worked in the mortgage industry as a loan officer. He is married with a one son, who is on the Autism Spectrum, and has two fur babies. In his free time, he enjoys amateur photography, road cycling and spending quality time with his family.

Carrolyn Randall is a new Program Analyst in the Atlanta office. She is originally from Mansfield, Ohio and a veteran of the United States Army. Prior to joining HUD, she worked for the Atlanta VA Medical Center, the Veterans Benefit Administration, and the Georgia Department of Labor. She is married with four children. In her free time, she enjoys crafting, traveling, history and fishing.



Isiah Willis is a new Underwriter in the Atlanta office. Prior to joining HUD, he worked in the mortgage industry for over 20 years. He is married with seven kids. In his free time, he enjoys coaching youth sports, traveling, and is a self-described "big foodie."

Charlene Harper is a new Closing Coordinator in the Atlanta office. She is originally from Rochester, New York and holds a Bachelor's degree from Clayton State University. Prior to joining HUD, she worked at the Small Business Administration Disaster Office and has a background as a Real Estate Closer. She has four children and one grandchild. In her free time, she enjoys amusement parks, bowling, traveling, music and food.





Dinah Crawley is a new Underwriter in the Atlanta office. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Behavior Analysis. Prior to joining HUD, she worked as a mortgage underwriter in the private sector for over 25 years. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, board games, karaoke, puzzles, audiobooks, sports and traveling.

Curtis Robinson is a new Appraiser in the Jacksonville office. He is originally from Mississippi and attended both Delta State University and Jackson State University. Prior to joining HUD, he worked for the Yazoo City Housing Authority and has over fifteen years of experience as a real estate property manager, appraiser and broker. He is married with three children. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, watching movies, and participating in activities at his local church.



Tom Scully is a new Construction Analyst in the Jacksonville Office. He is a veteran of the United States Army. Prior to joining HUD, he worked in construction and welding. During his previous tenure at HUD, he worked as a Construction Analyst in the Greensboro, NC office as well as the Boston office.

### ***A Note from the Editor***

We hope this issue of the Multifamily Housing Southeast Regional News was beneficial to you. It is our intention to provide you with the latest HUD news and updates. Have ideas or feedback? Email the Editor in Chief at **[Erica.L.Shaw@hud.gov](mailto:Erica.L.Shaw@hud.gov)**.



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