



FACT SHEET

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HOPE VI

The HOPE VI program serves a vital role in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's efforts to transform Public Housing. The specific elements of public housing transformation that have proven key to HOPE VI include:

- Changing the physical shape of public housing
- Establishing positive incentives for resident self-sufficiency and comprehensive services that empower residents
- Lessening concentrations of poverty by placing public housing in nonpoverty neighborhoods and promoting mixed-income communities
- Forging partnerships with other agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses to leverage support and resources

Eligible Applicants: Any Public Housing Authority that has severely distressed public housing units in its inventory is eligible to apply. Indian Housing Authorities and Public Housing Authorities that only administer the Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) Program are NOT eligible to apply. Individuals are also NOT eligible to apply.

Funding Opportunities

HOPE VI Revitalization grants fund:

- Capital costs of major rehabilitation, new construction and other physical improvements
- Demolition of severely distressed public housing
- Acquisition of sites for off-site construction
- Community and supportive service programs for residents, including those relocated as a result of revitalization efforts

HOPE VI Main Street grants provide assistance to smaller communities in the development of affordable housing that is undertaken in connection with a Main Street revitalization effort.

History and Background: *National Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing*

The HOPE VI Program, originally known as the Urban Revitalization Demonstration (URD), was developed as a result of recommendations by the National Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing, which was charged with proposing a National Action Plan to eradicate severely distressed public housing. The **Final Report of the National Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing** recommended revitalization in three general areas:

- physical improvements,
- management improvements, and
- social and community services to address resident needs.

As a result, HOPE VI was created by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub.L. 102-389), approved on October 6, 1992.

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