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## Homelessness Drops for Third Straight Year

*Homeless count in Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck drops by 15%*

The number of homeless people in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck has dropped for the third straight year with a continued emphasis on a permanent supportive housing model to help the homeless along with Detroit adding 143 permanent supportive housing units in 2017. The PSH model combines low-barrier affordable housing, health care, and supportive services to help individuals and families lead more stable lives. The focus of PSH are the homeless or otherwise unstably housed who experience multiple barriers to housing.

The 2018 Point-in-Time count on January 31, 2018 done by volunteers and led by Homeless Action Network of Detroit, identified 1,769 people experiencing homelessness in the three cities, this was down 15% from last year. This follows an 11% decrease in 2017. Over the past year, the number of people deemed “chronically homeless” dropped 11%. Chronically homeless is defined as individuals having experienced for more than a year, for four or more times over a three-year period.

The 2018 Point-in-Time count also showed a:

- ◆ 28% decrease in the total unsheltered population
- ◆ 36% drop over the past year in the number of chronically, unsheltered individuals
- ◆ 4% decrease in the number of homeless veterans

“The sustained reduction in the size of our homeless population is an encouraging sign and suggests that as the city comes back, conditions are improving for our most vulnerable residents. But there is still more work to be done,” said Arthur Jemison, director of housing and revitalization for Detroit. “We are going to continue our strategy of moving away from temporary shelter and toward permanent supportive housing to lift more Detroiters out of homelessness.” This is evidenced by Detroit’s commitment to add another 300 units of permanent supportive housing over the next five years.

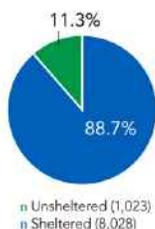
According to HUD’s 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report, the trend in Southeastern Michigan is a reflection of what has been happening across the state where homelessness has dropped 30.7% since 2010. However, there is still a long way to go, with nearly 9,000 homeless on the streets throughout the state on any given night.



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**9** in every **10,000** people were experiencing homelessness



#### Estimates of Homelessness

- 5,628** individuals
- 3,423** people in families with children
- 608** unaccompanied homeless youth
- 773** veterans
- 709** chronically homeless individuals

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# EnVision Center Updates

## Developing Partnerships to Advance Self-Sufficiency

Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan, Deputy Chief of Staff Deana Bass Williams, Senior Advisor Stephanie Holderfield and Detroit Field Office Director Mike Polsinelli recently met with Detroit partners to discuss the launch of the first [EnVision Center](#). The EnVision Center demonstration focuses on empowering HUD-assisted residents to become responsible renters and homeowners in the private market. The centers will provide communities with a

centralized hub for support of economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness, and character and leadership. Detroit partners discussed the services that will be offered at the EnVision Centers as well as possible cross-organization collaborations. HUD anticipates positive outcomes for individuals and households which will spur positive impacts in Detroit and other EnVision Center communities.



Photo caption: HUD's Detroit Field Office Director, Mr. Micheal Polsinelli welcomed the Regional Administrator, Mr. Joseph Galvan and the Envision Center Partners to a collaboration meeting.

## Michigan Minority Procurement Conference

For the third year in a row HUD has had a table at the [Michigan Minority Procurement Conference](#) on May 8-10, 2018. The MMPC is the state's premier business conference that focuses on connecting national and local corporations with the top minority business enterprises in Michigan. It is held annually at the Cobo Center and features over 400 exhibitors.

This year the booth was staffed by Messrs. Larry Alcantar from the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office and Daniel Huyck from the Office of Field and Policy Management. The DFO was able to provide businesses with information and handouts on [HUD's Section 3 program](#) and Business Registry.



# BMCC 2018

BUILDING MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE  
April 30-May 2, Lansing Center, Lansing MI



HUD's Detroit Field Office had a strong showing at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's 20th Annual Building Michigan Communities Conference, leading seven individual sessions. Information on HUD-led sessions along with handouts are available here: <http://bmcc18iframe.azurewebsites.net/>. The 21st BMCC will be held on April 29-May 1, 2019.

## HUD Continuum of Care Updates

The DFO Community Planning and Development Director, Mr. Keith Hernandez led a discussion designed to assist CoC recipients, subrecipients, and other stakeholders on important topics related to program implementation and requirements. His session focused on four important topics: Match, Transparency, Coordinated Entry, and Complaint Resolution.

## HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration Overview

The DFO Public Housing Director, Mr. Douglas Gordon, along with Ms. Jennifer Hall of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, and Mr. Bruce Gerhardt, of Love Funding provided an overview and update of HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration Program.

## Ending Veterans' Homelessness— Getting to Functional Zero

This goldfish session included the following individuals hosting an interactive discussion on best and most successful polices and practices on getting to functional zero. The panel included: Mr. Douglas Gordon, PH Director for HUD's DFO; Ms. Beverly Ebersold, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; Ms. Patricia Wolschon, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center; Ms. Kelly Rose, Michigan State Housing Development Authority; Ms. Anna Diaz, Community Rebuilders in Kent County; and facilitated by Ms. Tamika Littles, Community Planning and Development Representative with HUD's DFO.

## Multifamily Housing Roundtable: Discussing Different Asset Management Processes

Messrs. Juan Cruz and Andrew Uzzle, along with Ms. Bonnie Spurling, Ms. Angela Witt, and Ms. Denise Williams of HUD's DFO Office of Multifamily presented and discussed different asset management processes in a roundtable format. Assignments of Housing Assistance Payment contracts, REAC under 60 Enforcement Actions, Enforcement Actions for Non-Compliance issues, Annual Finance Issues, Civil Money Penalties, and Reserve for Replacement Draws were discussed.

## HUD Multifamily Update

Messrs. Chris Nielson, Todd Miller, and Misses Angela Witt, Jackie Fultz, and Kristi Mathis of HUD's DFO Office of Multifamily conducted an update on a broad range of topics, including Multifamily FHA insured loans, streamline refinancing of existing Multifamily insured loans, changes to REAC inspection process, consolidated management reviews, risk-based servicing of Multifamily properties and a new Capital Needs Assessment tool.

## Assistance Animals as Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Tihana Swanson and Ms. Shannon Baltimore of the DFO's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity presented an overview of the rules and guidance relating to assistance animals as reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. The session was designed to provide information and guidance for what is a current hot topic.

## REAC Updates and Strategies

Mr. Andrew Uzzle from HUD's DFO Office of Multifamily joined Mr. David Rudolph of Cinnaire to discuss and provide updates to the Real Estate Assessment Center inspections as well as provide insights and strategies to achieve better scores.

# HUD Updates

## HUD Publishes FY 2018 Income Limits for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, HTF, and NSP

HUD has published the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Income Limits for FY 2018 for the above listed programs. These updated limits are effective June 1, 2018 and can be viewed on the [HUD Exchange's Income Calculator](#) page under "Related Materials." PLEASE NOTE: The income calculator HAS NOT yet been updated with the FY 2018 income limits. Users should be aware that the FY 2017 income limits in place will continue to be used until the calculator is updated. The HUD Exchange listserv will publish a notice once the calculator is updated. Please direct any comments or questions to [info@hudexchange.info](mailto:info@hudexchange.info).

## Use of Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Purposes

HUD Public Housing recently released a notice explaining how Public Housing Authorities may use a portion of their Operating Subsidy for capital activities, subject to HUD requirements ([PIH Notice 2018-03](#)).

In summary PHAs now have the flexibility to use up to 20% of their annual Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Program activities beginning CY2018. Provided that PHAs have included their intent to use Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Program activities within their Annual PHA plan (as required by HUD) to include making information regarding this intent available for the required public hearing. PHAs must then follow statutory and regulatory requirements related to those hearings—such as Resident Advisory Board consultation, consideration of comments, board approval, and environmental reviews.

For more information please review PIH Notice 2018-03 or contact HUD's Detroit Field Office Public Housing Division at 313-226-7900.



## HOME—Return of TBRA?

The DFO has noted a downward trend for [HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance \(TBRA\)](#) over the past few years. According to the DFO Community Planning and Development Division only \$100,000 of FY2017 grant funds were allocated to [TBRA](#) in Michigan. With the \$412 million increase in FY18 national HOME funding and the push to end homelessness, perhaps it is time to revisit this TBRA and its potential to reduce homelessness.

[Recent studies](#) have shown that there is an absolute shortage of 3.9 million rental homes across the U.S. When the surplus of rental units at high income levels are excluded, the shortage of extremely low income rental units increases to a 7.4 million shortfall! This shortage does not account for homeless individuals, which would raise the shortfall to 7.8 million units.

TBRA is a rental assistance program that may be administered by the PJ or a subgrantee such as the local Public Housing Authority to help offset this shortfall of affordable housing units. The program may be modeled on the local Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program or specialized to focus on special needs individuals, elderly, or the homeless as outlined in the appropriate written policies.

The most successful TBRA programs are designed to work in coordination with the local Public Housing Authority's (PHA) HCV program. Below are some areas where TBRA can be used to augment a successful HCV program:

- \* If the PHA's waiting list is very long or the unavailability of turnover resources results in households in need waiting for long periods on a waiting list, the PJ may wish to provide interim assistance to those families. The family would be provided a TBRA voucher until such a time as the HCV voucher became available. This allows the PHA to continue to move through its waiting list while providing flexibility to the PJ if future funding is reduced.
- \* The TBRA payment standard may be either the Fair Market Rents (FMR) for the area or based on local market conditions, even if those conditions place the TBRA payment standard higher than FMR. This may be useful for high cost areas within a PJ where FMR does not provide an adequate payment standard.
- \* For communities undergoing a Rental Assistance Demonstration project or large affordable housing rehabilitation, TBRA may be used for anti-displacement and relocation activities as well as for replacement housing under the Uniform Relocation Act.
- \* TBRA may be designed to provide affordable housing to households while additional affordable housing developments are being built.
- \* Unlike HCVs, TBRA vouchers may be used outside the PJ's jurisdiction



## HUD IT Tip: Get the Most From Dual Monitors

HUD's Tech Refresh project brings each employee a touchscreen laptop and two 24" monitors. Here are some suggestions to use your new workspace.



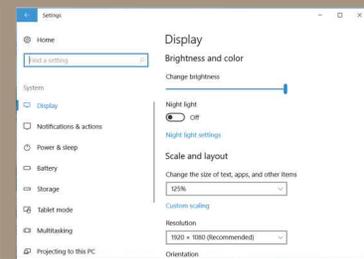
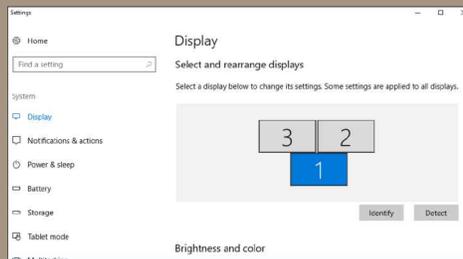
### Possible uses for a second monitor:

- \* *Keep an eye on something*, such as your email inbox, a Power BI dashboard, OPA's Twitter Feed, or Skype for Business.
- \* *Consult one document while working on another*. This reduces the need to print, human errors, and the time it takes to move the mouse.
- \* *Watch a video while working*. If it doesn't need your full attention, open a training or virtual event on one monitor and continue working on the other.
- \* *Take notes on your day*, especially using the laptop's touchscreen function and Microsoft OneNote.
- \* *Turn one vertical* to maximize the length of a document.

### Configuring Dual Monitors:

As you experiment using your dual monitors, you may need to adjust the primary monitor, orientation, or resolution. To do so, click the

Windows icon in the bottom left of the toolbar and select *Settings* (either the gear icon on the right or under S). In the Settings, select *System*. The first option is *Display*. If you're connected to multiple monitors, then you can edit each setting (bottom left below). If your laptop isn't connected to the docking station, you'll only see settings for the laptop screen (bottom right below).



## OIG Corner—CDBG

On April 30, 2018 the [OIG published a finding](#) outlining how the City of Moreno Valley, CA did not properly administer its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded code enforcement. Code Enforcement is a common expenditure for CDBG grantees. But because it is so similar to the prohibited use of CDBG to fund general government expenses. The [OIG report](#) read in conjunction with [HUD's 1992 Program Eligibility Determination](#) shows that successful code enforcement programs are able to clearly document the following:

- ◆ Grantee definition of "deterioration" for the purposes of code enforcement;
- ◆ Specific boundaries of the areas to be considered eligible for CDBG-funded code inspections;
- ◆ A sufficient description of the conditions in each area to support a determination that the area qualifies as deteriorating or deteriorated under the above definition;
- ◆ A strategy for using code enforcement together with other activities to arrest the decline in each defined area; and
- ◆ Such other information as may be necessary to determine the impact that the code enforcement and other activities are having on the decline of the area during the time the CDBG-assisted code enforcement is being carried out.

In addition to the above the grantee must document code enforcement costs charged to the CDBG program were for code enforcement activities conducted in the defined areas. Additional duties by the code enforcement personnel, such as community outreach, must be documented under separate activities.

## High Performing Community

*CPD Notice 2018-06 Provides Instructions on how to Apply*

HUD Community Planning and Development division [recently released a notice](#) on how a Continuum of Care may apply for High Performing Community Status. As part of annual registration, Collaborative Applicants for CoCs that wish to be designated as High Performing must apply for such designation during the registration process. The [HUD Exchange](#) site has numerous resources available to help Collaborative Applicants successfully complete the annual CoC Program Registration process, prepare for application submission, and understand CoC requirements.

## June is National Healthy Homes Month

This year's theme, [Unlocking the Potential of America's Children](#): Check Your Home-Protect Your Family focuses on the opportunity to protect current and future generations of children from the exposures of lead from contaminated paint, dust, and soil; through the importance of home assessments and the impact it has on your health.

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes has created an 2018 NHHM Campaign Digital Resource Toolkit to provide state and local governments, Healthy Homes partners, and all organizations with key materials and resources to help and encourage local implementation. The digital toolkit includes: Campaign theme and goals, tips for developing a campaign, recommended outreach activities, suggested social messaging, logos, web banners, etc.

# Mosaic of Knowledge

*“Knowledge is having the right answer.  
Intelligence is asking the right question.”*

Stephen Hawking

## Relocation Assistance and Property Acquisition

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is proud to present an [animated overview](#) of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, AKA the URA. URA applies to many HUD programs and projects. The URA ensures that people and businesses, whose real property is acquired or relocated because of Federally funded projects, are treated fairly and receive assistance when moving from the property they occupy. For additional URA information and resources please visit the [Real Estate and Relocation Website](#) or [View the URA video](#).



## HUD's Strong Families Program >>>

Since the inception of HUD's Father's Day in 2011 we have known that it's the mothers that do much of the heavy lifting as it relates to raising families. In public housing communities where 75% of families are led by single women, that's an enormous amount of responsibility.

HUD's focus on Father's Day was intended to bring awareness to the grim statistics of children living in father-absent homes. Fatherhood programs have more recently found that if they only work with men and never connect with their female partners, then there is less reason for the female partner to want to connect with the father.

Our new focus on both parents will aim to connect men and women to resources that will aid in improving these outcomes and unify the family. Involved fathers empower mothers, and by empowering mothers, families succeed.

**CALL TO ACTION:** Please join us to help empower [STRONG FAMILIES](#) in your community. If you are interested in joining the HUD Strong Families Initiative to connect fathers, mothers, and children to resources that will empower the *entire* family through any type of event held throughout May or June, please [register](#) that event with HUD. To find out more or if you are interested in finding out about available resources to hold your own event, please click [HERE](#).



If you are in need of shelter tonight, please call the CAM Call Center at 313-305-0311 or go to appropriate Access Point listed below. For all other basic needs please call 211 for assistance.

## Education Leads Home

[A recent study](#) revealed a shocking figure: young people without a high school diploma are 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness later in life. With 1.3 million students pre-K-12 currently experiencing homelessness in America, we know that the path to graduation can also lead them to a better future. That's why SchoolHouse Connection in partnership with America's Promise Alliance, the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness, and Civic Enterprises, announced today the launch of the Education Leads Home campaign at SXSW EDU. [Education Leads Home](#) is the only national campaign of its kind focused solely on addressing the educational needs of homeless children and youth.

Stay tuned for updates about our SXSW EDU panel talk "The Invisible Million: Homeless Students" in the Stay tuned for updates about our SXSW EDU panel talk "The Invisible Million: Homeless Students in the U.S.," and the campaign, using [#EDULEadsHome](#) and [#InvisibleMillion](#).



## Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers

The 2018 Appropriations Act provides \$40 million in HUD-VASH funding that will support approximately 5,000 new HUD-VASH vouchers. Public Housing Authorities (PHA) currently administering a Housing Choice Voucher program are eligible to submit a Registration of Interest (ROI). This includes PHAs that do not currently administer the HUD-VASH program.

Prior to submitting the ROI the submitting PHA must consult with their partnering VA facility to discuss their intentions of submitting a ROI and request a letter of support for HUD-VASH vouchers under [PIH Notice 2018-07](#). This letter of support does not need to include a specific number of vouchers requested. Any single PHA, both new and existing administrators of the HUD-VASH program, may apply for a minimum of five (5) vouchers up to five hundred (500) vouchers.

PHAs with an interest in receiving new HUD-VASH awards need to submit an ROI to [VASH\\_ROI@hud.gov](mailto:VASH_ROI@hud.gov) no later than midnight of the PHA's time zone on July 2, 2018. All inquiries about this notice should be directed to [vash@hud.gov](mailto:vash@hud.gov).



# Better Ways to Build Connections Between Workforce and Homelessness Services

*“On the workforce site, it’s terrifying when someone’s housing is unstable—how are they going to maintain their job or keep their job? At the same time, for homeless services providers to really end homelessness, they need to help people meet their economic as well as housing goals. Both systems need each other.”*

- Nancy Phillips, Heartland Human Care Services, Inc., Chicago, IL

As reported by USICH, a [new report](#) from [Heartland Alliance’s National Initiatives](#) on Poverty & Economic Opportunity identifies challenges to workforce and homelessness service systems collaboration and recommends strategies for building a more effective relationship. *Systems Work Better Together: Strengthening Public Workforce & Homeless Service Systems Collaboration* is a report based on in-depth interviews with public workforce and homelessness service systems leaders and their innovative systems collaboration work. The Report shows employment success and housing stability go hand in hand.

Here are four takeaways from the report:

- 1. Share Governance:** The workforce and homelessness service systems can “bake” collaborative processes into their work by sharing governance. [Local Workforce Development Boards](#) (LWDBs) can appoint Continuum of Care (CoC) leadership and members that offer employment services to people experiencing homelessness or jobseekers experiencing housing instability. Likewise, CoCs choose the members of their Board, committees, and workgroups, so LWDB members or other workforce system representatives can participate.
- 2. Dedicate Resources and Increase Accountability Within Both Systems:** LWDB and CoC leaders can take steps to mitigate barriers and advance collaboration efforts. For example, a community’s workforce development plan can prioritize people experiencing homelessness and jobseekers experiencing housing instability for intensive services. To couple prioritization with resources, governors can leverage discretionary funds to develop employment programs for this population. LWDB leaders can also incentivize the system to serve more people experiencing homelessness and jobseekers experiencing housing instability by making sure the system’s outcome measures reflect this population’s barriers to employment.

On the homelessness service side, HUD’s annual CoC Program

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process can be a vehicle for ensuring more homelessness service providers consider their participants’ employment interests and needs—and receive funding for doing so. While the NOFA signals federal funding preferences, CoCs can incentivize the infusion of employment into programming by prioritizing funding for projects that include or have demonstrated partnerships with workforce, education, or training services.

- 3. Collect, Share, and Integrate Data:** The workforce system must gather information about jobseekers’ housing status, and CoCs must gather employment and income growth data for people staying in or exiting the system. Both systems face challenges collecting these data. To improve data collection, LWDBs and CoCs can provide technical assistance to increase the capacity of their data management systems and frontline staff to record and report these data. CoCs can also ask questions about the employment needs and interests of individuals via their community’s Point-In-Time count or coordinated entry system. Once data are collected, these systems must share or integrate their findings to drive collaborative decision-making aimed at supporting individuals’ employment success and housing stability.

- 4. Engage Stakeholders in Cross-Training:** Workforce and homelessness service systems collaboration requires buy-in that their systems can and should work together to advance employment and economic opportunity for people experiencing homelessness and unstably housed jobseekers. Stakeholders from both systems may question clients’ need, desire, or ability to work, as well as the system’s role in helping an individual experiencing homelessness achieve stability. Cross-training is one strategy for overcoming these pervasive uncertainties and spurring collaboration. Systems leaders, philanthropy, and advocacy groups can all play a role in initiating cross-training efforts aimed at sparking collaborative work between systems.



# Open HUD Grants

## **FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM (FUP) for FY 2017 and 2018**

The FUP is a program under which housing assistance is provided under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) to two groups:

1. Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care; or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care; and
2. Youth at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age (have not reached their 25th birthday), who left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in Section 475 (5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older. As required by statute, a FUP voucher issued to such a youth may only be used to provide housing assistance for the youth for a maximum of 36 months. (Entities eligible to use FUP vouchers awarded under this NOFA include, but is not limited to, PHAs approved for participation in the Family Unification Program and Family Self Sufficiency Demonstration pursuant to Notice PIH 2016-01.)

Funding Opportunity Number: [FR-6100-N-41](#)

Opening Date: April 25, 2018

Closing Date: July 24, 2018

## **Veterans Housing Rehab and Modification >>>**

HUD recently announced the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to explore the potential benefits of awarding grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify the primary residence of veterans who are low-income and living with disabilities. A number of America's veterans who are low-income and living with disabilities are in need of adaptive housing to help them regain or maintain their independence, are unable to fund significant home repairs, or are burdened by utility costs. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD intends to use the VHRM pilot to test a new approach to addressing these challenges.

HUD will award up to \$13,700,000 to nonprofit organizations that provide nationwide or statewide programs that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals. Approximately 14 grants will be competitively awarded, each grant awarded will be between \$700,000 and \$1 million and will require matching funds or in-kind contributions equal to not less than 50%. Recipients will have 36 months to complete all project activities. The funding NOFA lists eligible activities for the program and is [available here](#).



\* Funding Opportunity Number:

[FR-6200-N-39](#)

\* Opening Date: April 19, 2018

\* Closing Date: June 25, 2018

## **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program**

The Choice Neighborhoods program leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that revitalizes distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding

neighborhood. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by redeveloping severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing and catalyzing critical improvements in the neighborhood, including vacant property, housing, businesses, services and schools. To this end, Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals: Housing, People, and Neighborhoods.

Funding Opportunity Number: [FR-6200-N-38](#)

Opening Date: April 10, 2018

Closing Date: June 12, 2018

# final thoughts...

## HUD Notices Published During the Last Quarter

### PUBLIC HOUSING:

- PIH 2018-07, [Registration of interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers](#), May 18, 2018
- PIH 2018-05, [Guidance Related to \(1\) Eligibility for Potential Shortfall Funding Under the CY 2018 Housing Assistance Payments \(HAP\) Renewal Set-Aside for the Housing Choice Voucher \(HCV\) Program and \(2\) CY 2018 Administrative Fees](#), March 23, 2018
- PIH 2018-04 (HA), [Demolition and/or disposition of public housing property, eligibility for tenant-protection vouchers and associated requirements](#), March 22, 2018
- PIH 2018-03 (HA), [Guidance on the Use of Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Purposes for Subsidy Appropriated and Allocated for CY2018 and Subsequent Years](#), February 28, 2018
- PIH 2018-02, [Funding Availability for Set-Aside Tenant-Protection Vouchers—FY17 Funding](#), February 8, 2018

### MULTIFAMILY HOUSING NOTICES:

- H 2018-03, [Updated Versions of the Standardized Firm Commitment Templates for Section 220, 221\(d\)\(4\), 223\(a\)\(7\), 231, and 241\(a\)](#), April 9, 2018
- H 2018-02, [Refinancing of Pre-1974 Section 202 Direct Loans and Subsequent Issuance of Tenant Protection Vouchers \(TPVs\) or Senior Preservation Rental Assistance Contracts \(SPRACs\)](#), March 22, 2018

### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT NOTICES:

- CPD-18-06, [Applying to be a High Performing Community \(HPC\)](#), April 26, 2018
- HOMEfires Vol. 14, No. 2: [Guidance on Fee For Monitoring for HOME-Assisted Rental Projects](#), April 23, 2018
- CPD 18-05, [Unified Funding Agency \(UFA\)](#), April 16, 2018
- CPD-18-03, [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Registration](#), April 9, 2018
- CPD-18-02, [Instructions for Urban County Qualifications for Participating in the CDBG Program for FYs 2019-2021](#), March 22, 2018—Supersedes CPD-17-02
- CPD-18-01, [Guidance on Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for FY 2018](#), January 24, 2018

### SINGLE FAMILY NOTICES:

- FHA INFO #18-18, [New Natural Disaster Partial Claim Option Available in FHA Connection](#), April 30, 2018
- FHA INFO #18-17, [Mortgagee Review Board: Administrative Actions Notice Published in the Federal Register](#) (Docket No. [FR-6097-N-01](#)), April 25, 2018

coming soon >>>

### Key Dates/Events

- May 7—June 19—Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey
- May 24 — Memorial Day
- June 20—Employee Recognition Day at the DFO
- July 2—Deadline for HUD-VASH Registration of Interest per PIH 2018-07

### HUD Quicklinks

- Connect with HUD on [Social Media](#) and follow Secretary Carson on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)!
- Kresge Foundation released the 2018 Detroit Reinvestment Index: <https://kresge.org/dri2018/>
- Place-Based Updates for place-based grant opportunities and updates please contact Mr. Daniel Huyck at [daniel.j.huyck@hud.gov](mailto:daniel.j.huyck@hud.gov)
- HUD Press Releases are available online at [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories)

# HUD, VA, and USICH—Call for Input

## Community Planning Survey Call for Input

The VA, HUD, and USICH is inviting communities to complete the 2nd [VA, HUD, USICH Community Planning Survey](#). The purpose of the survey is to help us better understand community progress related to ending Veteran Homelessness and the development of sustainable systems. The information gathered as part of this survey will help the VA—along with HUD and USICH—tailor training and technical assistance so that it more effectively addresses local needs. Responses should be inclusive of the perspectives of the Continuum of Care (CoC) (or the CoC's representative in cases where the Veteran Work Group/Subcommittee has been designated by the CoC to respond), Veteran Work Groups/Subcommittees, the VA Medical Center homeless leadership covering the CoC, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grantees, Grant and Per Diem (GPD) grantees, and other Community Partners. Survey submissions will be one response per CoC. While SSVF grantees will facilitate submissions in the survey tool, it is critical that community dialogue occur to prepare a response that accurately depicts community progress and needs. This survey is **not** an evaluation; it has no impact on funding, awards, or compliance. Open and honest responses are needed. The survey is **due on or before Friday, June 15, 2018**.