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MESSAGE FROM THE GREENSBORO FOD

Hello! Welcome to the HUD Greensboro Field Office’s Fourth Quarter Newsletter. In this issue you will find updates on our Field Office’s activities over the past quarter, as well as some American history and upcoming grant opportunities.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful July 4th holiday with family and friends. However, you choose to celebrate, it is always a wonderful time seeing the various festivities held to honor the birth of American independence, such as fireworks, parades, and barbeques. I also want to highlight that July marks the 2022 celebration of Disability Pride Month and the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a comprehensive civil rights law for persons with disabilities. HUD is using this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to support the rights of individuals with disabilities to integration and community living as upheld in the landmark case, *Olmstead v. L.C.* HUD recognizes that quality, accessible, and affordable housing is vital to fulfilling the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, and that furthering the goals of *Olmstead* is a core part of our mission.

As time is moving quickly, I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize the annual events we celebrated in June, including Juneteenth and Pride Month. This year, Juneteenth was formally declared as a Day of Observance in the United States. Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, is now a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, three years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in June, we also celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans.

HUD is committed to making housing accessible to all members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) community. If a person who identifies as LGBTQ believes they have experienced housing discrimination because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, or gender identity, they can assert their rights under the Fair Housing Act by filing a complaint with HUD. HUD will accept and investigate all legally sufficient complaints of sex discrimination, including discrimination because of actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation, and enforce the Fair Housing Act where it finds such discrimination occurred or is about to occur.



I hope the information shared was helpful and you enjoyed the recap of celebratory events. In closing, I want to continue bringing awareness to our current status surrounding COVID-19. While we are seeing declines in hospitalizations from the omicron variant of COVID-19, we encourage you to please continue to practice COVID-19 mitigation protocols. Also, along health and wellness, please remember to stay hydrated and safe from this extreme heat as we welcome the summer months.

Our Field Office staff are working diligently, and we continue to support the HUD COVID-19 priority communities, House America, Housing Voucher utilization as well as other important efforts. I continue to be amazed at the level of support that our Field Office leadership and staff provide to our communities. Thank you so very much!

I am committed to sharing information and best practices with our Grantees and other key stakeholders. As such, we welcome your suggestions for future newsletter articles at ncwebmanager@hud.gov. I also encourage you to follow us at www.hud.gov/northcarolina and @HUDSoutheast Twitter

Roosevelt A. Grant



Greensboro FPM Hosts Community Land Trust Convening

Recently, The Greensboro office of Field Policy and Management hosted a Community Land Trust (CLT) Convening which brought together Community Housing Development Organizations, local municipalities, developers, and HUD staff to discuss innovative approaches to developing affordable housing and equitable approaches to homeownership. CLTs are nonprofits governed by participating residents, community members and local officials that provide permanently affordable housing and wealth building homeownership opportunities for low-income families.

CLT's are a shared community wealth model that focus on land stewardship and housing as a community resource rather than a wealth building opportunity. Roosevelt Grant, Greensboro Field Office Director stated, "Given the ever-increasing need for affordable housing and the importance of creating pathways for homeownership, it is highly important that we have a whole community approach that creates affordable housing and provides access to homeownership throughout the state."

Jason Webb, Principal for Community and Capacity Building at Grounded Solutions provided a Community Land Trust 101 presentation that covered the basics of a Community Land Trust including, its origins in the Civil Rights Movement, their purpose, board structure and how it allows for more equitable and affordable homeownership.

The convening also featured three presentations from Community Land Trusts in North Carolina; the Durham Community Land Trust (DCLT), the Asheville Buncombe Community Land Trust (ABCLT), and Community Home Trust in Chapel Hill. The DCLT recently celebrated its 37th anniversary and presented on how their organization has focused on redevelopment without displacement. DCLT Executive Director, Selina Mack, presented on how they have been able to renovate or replace vacant or deteriorated housing stock and stabilize neighborhoods through their CLT model.

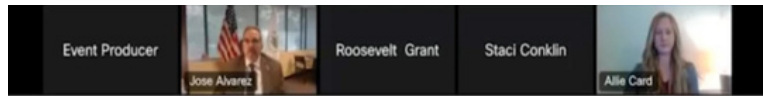
The ABCLT was formed to address the injustices of urban renewal that displaced thriving African American communities in the city. Anna Zuevskaya, the ABCLT Executive Director, stated that their organization was created to provide permanently affordable homeownership opportunities for Black, Indigenous, People of Color and low-to-moderate income residents. In turn, this creates economic stability for those excluded from the traditional market through consistent mortgage payments, reduced tax burden, and an opportunity to build wealth.

Kimberly Sanchez, the Executive Director of Community Home Trust, presented on how their CLT was formed through their local government, and how the Town of Chapel Hill has codified inclusionary zoning to create affordable homeownership opportunities. The Town's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance mandates there to be a set aside percentage for affordable housing for new developments that meet certain thresholds in the town's center.

Additionally, Senior CPD Representative Sharlene Abbott, presented on how Participating Jurisdictions can utilize a 15% set aside included in the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). CHDOs play an essential role in the development, management and sponsorship of affordable housing and many organizations interested in the Community Land Trust model may meet HUD's requirements for CHDO status.

There is a critical need for housing throughout the state of North Carolina and CLTs offer an innovative solution to this challenge. Not only do they increase the supply of affordable housing, but they also focus on improving equity and homeownership opportunities for low-income families. This community-based approach to housing relies on partnerships across multiple layers, including community members, residents, non-profits organizations, and local government officials. Funding from the Office of Community Planning and Development, provided to city and state grantees, and then provided to CHDOs, create pathways for equitable homeownership and an opportunity to address historical injustices and community displacement.

NC Emergency Housing Voucher Workshop



On June 15th, the Greensboro Office of Field Policy and Management organized an Emergency Housing Voucher Workshop, that provided best practices and strategies for voucher utilization to over 80 Public Housing Authorities and Continuums of Care from throughout North Carolina. The workshop was a collaborative effort between FPM, the Greensboro PIH and CPD offices and the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness. The workshop was kicked off with opening remarks from Regional Administrator, José Alvarez and David Gonzalez Rice, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Housing and Services. The workshop included: presentations from the Greenville and Asheville Public Housing Authorities, The City of Charlotte, and Technical Assistance sessions from ICF and the HUD EHV Research Team.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, PHAs across North Carolina were provided a total of 1,296 Emergency Housing Vouchers to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability. These Vouchers require collaboration between PHAs and the CoCs in our state, the PHAs can only issue vouchers to those experiencing homelessness for conditions through a referral process from the CoC. The Workshop focused on identifying common challenges that PHAs and CoCs face in implementing this program and provided best practices to overcome those challenges

Tujuanda Sanders from the Greenville Housing Authority, presented on their PHAs strategy to utilize the Emergency Housing Vouchers. Their PHA has been a long-term participant in their local Continuum of Care organization. They hold monthly meetings that include coordinated entry and case briefing, problem solving and landlord recruitment sessions. The Housing Authority developed a program called Move On, in collaboration with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, which encouraged the transfer of permanent supportive housing clients into the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Ms. Sanders stated that having the Move On Program already established, had a strong influence on the success of their EHV program. The Housing Authority has successfully leased 26 of their 27 allotted vouchers and has a success rate of 96.3%.

Maseta Dorley, Senior Homeless Services Specialist from ICF, provided key information on how CoCs and PHAs can collaborate. The EHV process requires that CoCs make referrals to recipient PHAs, who then administer the vouchers. Coordination between the CoC and PHA is a requirement to issuing these vouchers. However, furthering the partnership, and increasing the level of communication and collaboration between the two, can help to overcome unseen challenges and ensure that community programs serving the most vulnerable members are in alignment.

NC Housing Emergency Voucher article continued on next page.....

Brandy Woodard, Director of the City of Asheville Public Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program, presented on how their EHV program has been successful in one of the most expensive private rental markets in the state. The Asheville PHA modeled their EHV program after their existing partnership with the Veterans Administration VASH program. The PHA received 47 EHVs as part of the American Rescue Plan and to date they have successfully leased up 36 vouchers with the remaining 11 in progress. They owed their success to several factors including having a full-time landlord outreach coordinator on staff, as well as through their partnership with the CoC and other community partners. The PHA also successfully appealed and implemented use of the 50th percentile FMR to get more in line with the private rental market in Asheville.

The Field Office also wanted to provide strategies for landlord engagement and recruitment. Rebecca Hefner, the City of Charlotte's Deputy Director for Neighborhood and Community Development, spoke about the City's plans for source of income protections and landlord recruitment. As part of a task force created by Mayor Lyles, Charlotte has launched several programs with the aim of increasing voucher utilization and recruiting landlords to accept vouchers. Some of these strategies include increased support for tenants and landlord assistance, landlord incentives and bonuses, and risk mitigation funds. They have also begun exploring possibilities of requiring acceptance of HCV in buildings receiving funding from the City/County, as well as increasing housing navigator capacity to create more voucher utilization in higher opportunity areas.

Danielle Garcia, Senior Policy Advisor in the HUD Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, presented on overcoming potential leasing hurdles and provided helpful resources for PHAs who are having difficulty with the program. Direct Technical Assistance will be provided to all PHAs who need assistance with their program. The next six months are a critical period for this program. This summer, HUD will publish a Notice outlining the revocation and reallocation process, and in early 2023, HUD will revoke EHVs from underutilized PHAs, and reallocate to high-performing PHAs.

Like many states, North Carolina has an expensive private rental market and a deficit of affordable housing. The Emergency Housing Vouchers are an important tool we can use to address this problem. Our Field Office's goal is to provide best practices and strategies to our partners to successfully utilize and lease these vouchers.

NC Minority Business Development Agency

Section 3 Presentation



SECTION 3

In June, FPM Program Analyst James Gormley presented on Section 3 at a webinar organized by North Carolina Minority Business Development Agency. The webinar was attended by over 100 businesses in the state. During his presentation James provided an overview of Section 3, the types of jobs created by Hud funding, definitions of a Section 3 worker and Business Concern and introduced the audience to the Section 3 Opportunity Portal.

The Greensboro Field Office is encouraging our grantees to use the Section 3 Opportunity portal to identify Section 3 businesses for contracting opportunities. During the presentation, James made the business case to the audience, that if they qualify as a Section 3 business, self-certifying in the portal was a way to increase their opportunity to be awarded contracts by direct recipients of HUD funding. Section 3 is an essential component of HUD's book of business. We strongly encourage our grantees, qualifying business concerns, and residents to use the opportunity portal for job and contracting opportunities.

Section 3 Opportunity Portal can be found here: <https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/>

Section 3 website: <https://www.hud.gov/section3>

Section 3 FAQs: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/11SECFAQS.PDF>

NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH 2022



June was designated as National Homeownership Month and this marks the 20th anniversary of our ongoing commitment to helping families and individuals achieve their dream of homeownership. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), continues to focus on its longstanding commitment and central role in providing accessible, affordable, and equitable homeownership opportunities to Americans nationwide.

At the core of our mission is the belief that everyone deserves the chance to live with security, dignity, and hope in a place they can call home. This is why we are committed to doing everything we can to address critical housing supply and affordability challenges, while working to advance affordable homeownership opportunities that ultimately serve as a means to unlock generational wealth-building potential.

Learning More

To learn more about National Homeownership Month, read the Presidential Proclamation. You may also visit the following sites on [hud.gov](https://www.hud.gov) for more information about our programs and policies, housing counseling information, trainings, and events.

Homebuying Information

https://www.hud.gov/topics/buying_a_home

Guidance for Homeowners

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/owning

Housing Counseling Information

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc

Housing Counseling Materials

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/hcc_home

Manufactured Home Consumer Resources

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/rmra/mhs/csp/mhcqa

Resources for Industry Partners

FHA has many resources that cover a wide range of topics for our industry partners. Interested parties can access upcoming events and trainings, including previously recorded trainings, below.

FHA-approved Lender, Servicer, or Stakeholder

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/events

Housing Counseling Agencies

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/training-digest>

A Proclamation on National Caribbean-American Heritage Month



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF DEPARTMENTAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

America's strength has always been rooted in our diversity. Since our Nation's founding, generation after generation of immigrants have helped build this country, and the prosperity and opportunity that draw so many immigrants to America would not be possible without the contributions and legacies of Caribbean Americans. Today, millions of Caribbean Americans strengthen our country through their vibrant cultures, traditions, languages, and values. In recognition of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we honor the immeasurable ways Caribbean Americans have added to our American dream.

This month, our Nation also celebrates the extraordinary leadership and achievements of Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Black American of Jamaican heritage to hold this high office. I am also honored to celebrate alongside brilliant and dedicated public servants of Caribbean heritage — including Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice.

Every day, we see the invaluable contributions Caribbean American communities have made to our country. Our Nation has seen the persistence and character of generations of Caribbean Americans who have fought for equity and equality despite continued discrimination and hardship. In addition, public servants like our Nation's first Supreme Court Justice of Puerto Rican descent, Sonia Sotomayor, and the late General Colin Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants and the first Black Secretary of State, have made essential contributions to American society and blazed new trails in service to the American people. Caribbean American entrepreneurs, scientists, medical professionals, teachers, artists, police officers, athletes, and contributors in every field have also left a lasting impact on our society.

In spite of innumerable achievements and undeniable contributions, too many Caribbean Americans continue to face systemic barriers to success. Caribbean Americans have been impacted by systemic racism and disparities in opportunity. My Administration has taken a whole-of-government approach to advancing racial justice and equity in order to begin healing those wounds and strengthening opportunity for all. We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to ensure that every American — no matter who they are or where they come from — has equal access to the American dream.

During this National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we honor the generations of Caribbean Americans who have built our Nation, shaped our progress, and strengthened our national character.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. I encourage all Americans to join in celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Caribbean Americans with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR

National Immigrant Heritage Month

The United States is a Nation of immigrants — shaped by the courageous people from around the world who leave their homes, lives, and loved ones to seek refuge and opportunity on our shores. Their sacrifices and entrepreneurial spirit have contributed to the rich tapestry that has defined the character of our country for generations. Since our founding, the very idea of America as a Nation of limitless possibilities has been nurtured and advanced by immigrants. During National Immigrant Heritage Month, we honor the contributions of immigrants to our great Nation and celebrate their profound impact.

Immigrants fuel our economy and work in every profession, including health care, public service, law, education, engineering, construction, caregiving, manufacturing, service, agriculture, and countless other industries. They create new businesses, small and large, and generate millions of jobs in America. They are essential workers, providing critical services during COVID-19 and serving on the frontlines of research for vaccines and treatments. Immigrants have also helped the United States lead the world in science, technology, and innovation while contributing to the arts, culture, and government. They bring new traditions, customs, and perspectives that keep American innovation dynamic.

My Administration is committed to ensuring that our immigration system is accessible and humane. I have called on the Congress to pass long-overdue legislation to comprehensively reform our immigration system. Through multiple Executive Orders, I have also directed agencies across the Federal Government to remove barriers that improperly impede access to immigration benefits and to assure fair and timely adjudication of those benefits.

An important part of our commitment is recognizing that, too often, immigrants face discrimination, xenophobia, and violence. Hate and fear are being given too much oxygen by those who pretend to love America but do not understand America. To confront the dangerous ideology of hate requires caring about all people — including our Nation's immigrants. After all, the fundamental promise of America is that all of us are created equal and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives. As a Nation, we have never fully lived up to that promise, but we have never walked away from it either. That is why my Administration will continue to use every tool at our disposal to ensure that all immigrants feel safe, valued, and respected.

The United States has long been a refuge for those seeking safe haven. In the wake of World War II, we opened our doors to hundreds of thousands fleeing the devastation in Europe and the horrors of the Holocaust. After the Vietnam War and other conflicts in Southeast Asia, we formed the United States Refugee Admissions Program, which has welcomed more than 3 million people fleeing persecution and war since 1980. More recently, we welcomed tens of thousands of Afghans and their families who served honorably alongside American forces, and we are now welcoming thousands of Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion. My Administration continues to extend Temporary Protected Status for vulnerable migrant populations throughout the world who cannot safely return to their countries of origin. Furthermore, my Administration is committed to promoting naturalization and breaking down barriers to United States citizenship for all eligible candidates — a promise that honors our Nation's values and makes us more secure and prosperous.

When someone becomes a United States citizen, it gives them the opportunity to fully participate in and contribute their unique talents to our American story. Each generation of immigrants has made our Nation stronger and reaffirmed that diversity is — and always has been — our greatest strength. This National Immigrant Heritage Month, we honor our immigrants and recommit to remaining a country worthy of their dreams and aspirations, a Nation true to our enduring values, and a democracy that forever stands as a beacon of hope to the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as National Immigrant Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of our Nation's diverse and varied immigrant communities and to observe this month with appropriate programming and activities that remind us of the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

LGBTQI+ PRIDE IN HOUSING RIGHTS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is committed to making housing accessible to all members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) community.

LGBTQI+ RENTER RIGHTS

- ✓ HUD protects you against discrimination based on your sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
- ✓ Regardless of your sexual orientation or gender identity, landlords cannot deny you housing based on your status as a survivor of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (whether intimate partner or stranger violence).
- ✓ Landlords cannot deny you housing based on your actual or perceived HIV status.

HAVE YOUR RIGHTS BEEN VIOLATED?

How to File a Complaint:

- ✓ Call (800) 669-9777 to report discrimination.
- ✓ Contact your local Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office (FHEO): https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/contact_fheo
- ✓ Submit online: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint

Where to Learn More:

- ✓ https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/housing_discrimination_and_persons_identifying_lgbtq



TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE OR A HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER, PLEASE CLICK HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.HUD.GOV/PROGRAM_OFFICES/PUBLIC_INDIAN_HOUSING/PHA/CONTACTS](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FR-6600-N-41

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Competitive NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022

Department of Housing and Urban Development

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340956>

FR-6600-N-38

FY22 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants NOFO

Department of Housing and Urban Development

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340208>

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