



HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination.

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HUD Miami's Highlights

HOW DO HUD FUNDS IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY?

Do you have an individual or program success story you would like to tell? Starting with the 3rd quarter edition our newsletter will contain highlights on success stories submitted by our subscribers. We will also be posting some of your stories on our HUD in Florida website and submitting a select few to Washington for national recognition. Stories may be submitted electronically to adoniram_a._vargas@hud.gov or mailed to Dept. of HUD, 909 SE 1st Ave, RM 500, Miami, FL 33131, attn: FPM. Stories should be no more than 3 paragraphs in length. You may also include 1-2 digital photographs.

FUNDS AVAILABLE – APPLY NOW!

Applicants are strongly encouraged to update their registration to avoid a last minute crush! HUD's fiscal year 2007 "SuperNOFA," a notice that makes available approximately \$2.4 billion in funding through 38 individual grant programs. This year's Super NOFA will continue the Department's push toward requiring nearly all grant applications to be submitted electronically. Applicants seeking funding through HUD's Continuum of Care homeless assistance programs will not be required to submit their applications electronically. Visit HUD's website: www.hud.gov to read more about available [funds and deadlines for specific programs](#), as well as registration process.

FAIR HOUSING; IT'S NOT AN OPTION; IT'S THE LAW

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and handicap/disability. April 2007 is the 39th annual celebration of Fair Housing Month and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is asking for your help in increasing community awareness regarding its fair housing rights. [Join our campaign and help spread the word](#)

IS ENERGY ON YOUR MIND?

Energy and other utilities make up an increasing share of building operating and maintenance costs. Beginning April 12, 2007 HUD is pleased to offer four live satellite broadcasts, which can be viewed via webcast on energy efficient building management, housing rehabilitation and new construction. Additional broadcasts are scheduled for May 17, June 14, and September 13. All sessions will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm EST. [Register](#) now! You can find more information. [Read more](#) on how to become an energy efficiency catalyst.

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS SEEKING FEDERAL RESOURCES...

Learn “The Art and Science of Grant Writing.” The United States Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, Agriculture, the Census Bureau, the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration and the Centers for Disease Control are just some of the agencies that will be conducting valuable presentations. Join us in Tampa on May 7 and 8, 2007. For [more information](#) visit HUD’s website. Don’t miss this opportunity! [Registration](#) deadline is May 1, 2007.

HUD’s CALL TO ACTION

America needs housing solutions for its workforce. America’s [Affordable Communities Initiative](#) presents the 2007 Workforce Housing Southeast Regional Conference. Join HUD, state and local representatives as we search for solutions. [Save the date](#): June 20, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky. There is no registration fee but space is limited. If you would like to receive more information please send an email to workforceconf@hud.gov.

INCOME LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

HUD has just released the estimated median family income and [income limits for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2007](#). The estimates are based on OMB Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), and cover 530 metropolitan areas and 2,045 non-metropolitan areas in the U.S. and its territories. HUD's median income estimates are used as the basis for [income limits](#) in several HUD programs (including the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, CDBG, and HOME programs), as well as in programs run by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Treasury (Low Income Housing Tax Credits), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Government Sponsored Enterprises.

PUBLIC HOUSING LATEST NOTICES!

Heard something about the latest appeal process? Here is the information. This notice provides guidance to public housing agencies (PHAs) and field offices on the grounds for

appeals and the procedures for submitting appeals under the final rule. [Appeals to revisions to operating fund.](#)

ENTITLEMENT CDBG PROGRAM UPDATE

On March 21, HUD published CPD Notices 07-01 and 07-02, Transition Policy for Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD) Updates for Fiscal Year 2007 These Notices explain the revisions that have been made to the data and describe how and when grantees should begin using this new data. [Read the Notice](#) for explanations and descriptions.

EXTENSION OF SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF HURRICANE WILMA

On March 22, HUD published [Mortgagee Letter 2007-04](#), Extension of Special Authority for Use of Partial Claims and Loan Modifications to Assist Victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. HUD has now determined that these special loss mitigation tools are still needed to assist homeowners with FHA-insured loans who are unable to maintain mortgage obligations due to hurricane related home damage, curtailment of income or increased living expenses in the areas that FEMA has declared eligible for individual disaster assistance. The Department is therefore extending authority for use of these special assistance measures for eligible borrowers through August 31, 2007.