



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

The Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes that housing and access to opportunity go hand in hand, and we prize the great work that your community has undertaken to grow, transform, and provide families with pathways to a brighter future.

Today, we are honored to invite your community to participate in a revolutionary. With residents at the center of all we do, we are proud to announce [“EnVision Centers,”](#) a new public-private initiative that brings together essential resident services through four key pillars of self-sufficiency:

- Economic Empowerment
- Educational Advancement
- Health and Wellness
- Character and Leadership

Opportunity is the greatest door to equality; for too long it has been closed to too many. The EnVision Centers will once more open that door to families seeking their share in the American dream. Through this demonstration program, we aim to support the development of EnVision Centers in approximately 10 communities, at least one for each [HUD region](#), by:

- Sponsoring stakeholder meetings
- Partnering with national organizations
- Offering technical assistance and support
- Offering evaluation and monitoring

You can learn more about EnVision Centers, including how to submit your written comments, by reading HUD’s [EnVision Center Federal Register notice](#), published on December 12, 2017, and our [EnVision Center FAQs](#).

Here is what you will need to participate: A [formal written commitment](#) from your community’s mayor or “equivalent elected official” to enhancing economic mobility and “empowering HUD-assisted households to become self-sufficient,” your commitment to developing and implementing an EnVision Center plan to promote and expand economic mobility, and your broad commitment to developing “workforce of the future” programs, modernizing government services, and other elements of the White House Office of American Innovation’s vision.

Eligible communities should currently participate in a federal place-based program, including: Moving to Work, Jobs Plus, Family Self-Sufficiency or Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency, ConnectHome, and other programs listed in the EnVision Center Federal Register notice (see page 58442, column 3, subsection 3). We encourage your community to participate and submit interest to HUD, even if you are not currently participating in a place-based program, because we will continually assess our eligibility criteria to ensure a diverse set of communities are considered for participation.

Submit your qualifying documentation to EnVisionCenterDemonstration@hud.gov. Each application will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. We anticipate announcing the first EnVision Centers after **March 5, 2018**.

The Department is committed to empowering families with the tools they need to succeed. I hope you will join us by expressing your community's interest and submitting qualifying documentation.

Thank you for all that you do to promote strong, sustainable, inclusive communities for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Carson Sr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin S. Carson Sr.

HUD Secretary

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