

Choice Neighborhoods

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FY20 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants Competition Finalists Identified

HUD has identified five applicants as finalists to compete for FY20 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants. The finalists were selected from a pool of 20 applicants and will compete for individual grants of up to \$30 or \$35 million. HUD anticipates announcing awards in April or May. The finalists are: City of Detroit, Michigan; Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority / City of Cleveland, Ohio; Housing Authority of the City of Camden / City of Camden, New Jersey; Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers / City of Fort Myers, Florida; and Lewiston Housing Authority / City of Lewiston, Maine.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HUD Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program

Competitive grants to public housing agencies (PHAs) to evaluate and reduce housing-related hazards including carbon monoxide and mold in public housing. Application deadline: May 25, 2021. Expected number of awards: 10. Total program funding: \$20 million. Award ceiling: \$4 million. Award floor: \$10,000.

EVENTS & TOOLS

HUD Webinar: Making the American Rescue Plan Work for Residents, April 6, 2PM EST

HUD is hosting a financial literacy series focused on how HUD-assisted residents can make the American Rescue Plan work for them, including Economic Impact Payments (stimulus payments), resources, and avoiding scams. The first webinar is April 6, 2PM EST.

Tool to Help Residents Access Stimulus Payments

Individuals can use the IRS "Get My Payment" tool to check the status of their latest stimulus payment and ensure the IRS has necessary banking/address information. This site also has instructions for individuals who have not yet received their first or second stimulus payments.

Free Tax Prep Locator Tool

This [IRS locator tool](#) identifies nearby VITA/TCE sites that provide free tax preparation for low-income individuals. Families who are eligible for the [new child tax credit](#) under the American Rescue Plan must file a tax return in order to receive the tax credit.

Advancing Equity in the First 100 Days and Beyond: A Listening Session, April 7, 10AM PDT

PolicyLink is hosting a [convening](#) on April 7 on how President Biden's executive orders to advance equity can serve as a catalyst for progress throughout the government and country. This is the first in a series of convenings to explore issues of equity in the federal government.

Free CLPHA Housing Summit, May 4-6

The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities is hosting their [annual summit virtually](#) this year. They will focus on the intersection of housing and education, health, racial equity, and COVID-19. The summit is free, but registration is required.

Strategies for Practitioners Serving Youth and Young Adults Remotely

The Urban Institute staff [discuss the findings](#) from a new resource guide for youth-serving organizations. It describes creative strategies used to provide education and training, employment, career readiness, and mental health services remotely.

COVID-19 Impact Tracker

Enterprise has a [tool](#) to visualize the COVID-19 rate alongside important employment and housing indicators, such as state and county levels of likelihood of eviction, weekly unemployment filings, and the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases.

2021 ConnectHomeUSA - Preparing Jobseekers for a Digital Economy

This recorded, HUD-sponsored [webinar](#) provides information about how public housing advocates can help residents adapt to the changing labor market.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Neighborhood Investment Trusts Provide a Wealth-building Models

[Neighborhood Investment Trusts](#) provide residents with tools to pool small-dollar investments into large-scale capital that can be invested in revitalizing properties in their communities.

Supporting Parents and Caregivers with Trauma Histories during COVID-19

Child Trends presents a discussion of [strategies](#) to support adults with unresolved histories of trauma and abuse in the time of a global pandemic.

Adapting Public Spaces in a Global Pandemic

The Urban Land Institute presents a [summary of local adaptations](#) of public spaces around the world, including "streateries," slow streets and bike network expansions, creative placemaking, and innovations in parks.

Revitalizing America's Neighborhoods: A Practitioner's Perspective

In this [essay](#), community development expert, Paul Brophy, describes neighborhood revitalization efforts in the United States from an historic and current perspective. He explains the political and economic context for neighborhood improvement efforts, identifies problematic approaches, and suggests thirteen neighborhood revitalization principles.

Learning from Emergency Rental Assistance Programs: Lessons from Fifteen Case Studies

This [short report](#) from the National Low Income Housing Coalition and its partners provides details about how the Emergency Rental Assistance program is operating.

Case Study of Positive Youth Development: Generation Work in Seattle

A [policy brief](#) from Child Trends highlights a Seattle partnership that used two main approaches: 1) it brought more organizations into city-wide conversations to make the employment system less siloed and 2) supported the identification of linkages and services for young people, which were better suited to their needs.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Loss of Mike Schubert, Training & Technical Assistance Consultant

It is with great sadness that we pass along the news of [Mike Schubert's passing](#). Mike was well known to many of our grantees through conferences trainings and other technical assistance, including authoring a [Choice Neighborhoods' guide on designing neighborhood change](#). Mike was well loved and had a gift for identifying practical and meaningful neighborhood improvements. He will be missed.

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