

# Choice Neighborhoods

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COVID-19 Education Toolkit for PHAs and Choice Neighborhoods Grantees

As the coming school year approaches, *Supporting Our Kids' Education: Tools to Strengthen Resident Families & Students During COVID-19 & Beyond* offers PHAs and their partners tools to address learning loss and empower families to support their children's education in the aftermath of COVID-19. The toolkit, developed by the Choice Neighborhoods office in partnership with Choice Neighborhoods grantees and expert consultants, provides case studies, ready-to-use family flyers, and a wealth of evidence-based resource links. Topics include addressing learning loss, strengthening families' ability to support their children's learning, developing high quality out of school time programming and tutoring, and establishing learning hubs.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Humanities Program

The Public Humanities Program grants fund planning and implementation for exhibitions, historic places, and humanities discussions and are designed to bring ideas to general audiences through public programs focused on history, literature, ethics, and art history. Eligible applicants include small and mid-sized organizations. For more details see the website. Application deadline: August 11, 2021. Award ceiling: planning, \$75,000; implementation \$400,000. Expected number of awards: 17.

### Healthy Homes Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration, HUD

Healthy Homes and Weatherization Program Cooperation Demonstration grants are targeted to localities with both Healthy Homes and Weatherization Assistance Programs. The goal is to see if coordination between the programs increases cost effectiveness and leads to better outcomes. Program goals include establishing sustainable models of inter-program cooperation, including data sharing, reporting, and targeting/recruiting clients. Application deadline: August 17, 2021. Award ceiling: \$1,000,000. Expected number of awards: 5.

### Eviction Protection Grant Program, HUD

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research is making grant funds available to non-profit or governmental entities to provide services in areas with high rates of evictions or prospective evictions, including rural areas. This grant program is designed to help people who are disproportionately represented among those evicted avoid eviction or minimize the disruption and damage caused by the eviction process.

Application deadline: September 8, 2021. Award ceiling/floor: \$3,000,000/1,000,000. Expected number of awards: 20.

### **Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program, HUD**

The Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards economic and housing self-sufficiency by removing educational, professional and health barriers and maintaining financial, housing, and personal/family stability. HUD provides ROSS-SC grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of residents and links them to local training and supportive services. Application deadline: September 17, 2021. Award ceiling: \$737,550. Expected number of awards: 125.

### **Areas of Persistent Poverty Program, Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration**

This program supports projects that will improve transit services or facilities in areas of persistent poverty through planning, engineering, technical studies, or financial plans for projects. Eligible applicants under this program are States, tribes, and designated or direct recipients under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 49 U.S.C. 5310, or 49 U.S.C. 5311 that are in areas of persistent poverty. If the applicant is not an active direct recipient of FTA funding, the applicant should obtain a commitment from a direct recipient to apply for grant funding on their behalf in FTA's grant management system (TrAMS) if they are selected for award. Applicants are encouraged to work with non-profits or other entities of their choosing to develop an eligible project. Application deadline: August 30, 2021. Award ceiling: \$1,000,000. Estimated number of awards: 50.

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## **EVENTS & TOOLS**

### **Training Series: Climate Resilient Affordable Housing**

Enterprise has compiled a series of trainings that will help owners and operators identify risks to their buildings and provide strategies to address vulnerabilities. The trainings include topics such as “site fortification strategies” and “water and energy.”

### **Cracking the Code: How Public Health Data Can Boost your Vaccine Efforts**

This webinar informs HUD staff and stakeholders about how public health data sharing agreements can better inform on-the-ground vaccine efforts.

### **Advancing Health and Equity Through Housing**

The National League of Cities shares a guide with ideas about how to form community partnerships to further health and equity through housing.

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## **RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS**

### **Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies Report: State of the Nation's Housing 2021**

The State of the Nation's Housing 2021 report highlights racial and income inequalities on the road to housing stability.

## **Work, Engagement, and Well-being at the Midpoint: Findings from the Family Self-Sufficiency Evaluation**

In 2012, HUD commissioned a national random assignment evaluation of the Family-Self Sufficiency (FSS) program and its impacts on labor market and other quality of life outcomes for households receiving Housing Choice Vouchers. [This report](#) examines FSS program implementation, participants' engagement, and program impacts on labor force participation and government benefits receipt.

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