FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Capital Advance)

HUD posted a funding announcement for $75 million in grants for the development of permanent supportive rental housing and operating subsidies. Please note, Section 202 units cannot be considered replacement housing for the purposes of Choice Neighborhoods. HUD is looking for innovative Section 811 permanent supportive housing models that will demonstrate best practices both in physical design and supportive services. Sponsor or Co-Sponsor non-profits are eligible to apply. Applications are due February 10 and available here.

Project Rental Assistance Program of Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Grant funding opportunities totaling $37 million in project-based rental assistance for states, regions, or local housing agencies has been announced by HUD. Funds must be used for housing within multifamily properties serving extremely low-income persons with disabilities that are eligible for community-based long-term care. HUD is seeking to identify, stimulate, and support sustainable approaches that will help provide housing for persons with disabilities. Applications are due February 10 and available here.

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within HHS is funding opportunities totaling $5.2 million. This grant is for the development or expansion of a community infrastructure that integrates housing services, treatment and other services for the homeless. Eligible applicants include public and private non-profits. Submit applications on or before December 16.

Street Art Funding for Cities

In October, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced a grant program for arts-driven transportation projects for small and mid-sized cities. Awards are up to $25,000, per city, to facilitate the creation of street murals, “asphalt art,” in 10 U.S. cities. Grant applications are due December 12 and available here. Bloomberg Philanthropies also released the Asphalt Art Guide which features over 24 case studies highlighting successful plaza and roadway art activation, with a how-to section for cities interested in their own projects.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Council of Large Public Housing Authorities’ 6th Annual Housing Is Summit

The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities is hosting its 6th annual Housing Is Summit, which is dedicated to collaboration among the housing, education, and health sectors. The Summit is a time for partners—current and emerging—to come together to learn from each other, share best practices, and forge new collaborations. Learn more and register here.
Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Program Tracking Tool

The National League of Cities (NLC) tracks fiscal year 2020 budgets as they are being introduced. Visit NLC’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Tracker to follow funding for programs that are specific to your organization, state, and city.

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### Making Mixed-Income Neighborhoods Work

This article highlights developers across the country sharing successful ideas and troubleshooting lessons concerning the planning and construction of mixed income developments. It notes the importance of diversifying the right proportions of income groups, within developments, to sustain them. The article references how a community garden in the Westhaven neighborhood of Chicago brought residents with different social and economic backgrounds together around a common interest.

### Understanding and Working Effectively with Grandparents

The National Family Support Network (NFSN) presents resources and a webinar to help families and organizations better understand the role grandparents can play in caring for children under the age of five. For some families, grandparents are asked to step in, when parents are unavailable or unable to raise their own children. These materials and training provide planning tips and guidance on issues for grandparents to consider and discuss with adult children before starting to share care.

### Cities Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce

In this brief, the National League of Cities (NLC) makes the case for cities to enhance their child care and early education programs through increased support of their early childhood workforce. It presents the results of NLC’s Cities Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce Initiative, highlighting models used by seven cities nationwide. City approaches and focus areas vary, e.g. addressing compensation and improving work conditions or taking steps to avoid displacing current workforce members at the same time as building the capacity of the early childhood education (ECE) workforce. Critical interventions include supportive coaching models, and professionalizing providers while also moving towards community wealth-building.

### Health Outcomes Demonstration Project Findings

NeighborWorks America and Enterprise Community Partners collaborated with 20 community development organizations across the country to demonstrate how well-being and health are intrinsically related to other social factors such as housing, community safety, and education. The National Demonstration Project shares replicable best practices for how to create an organizational culture and environment devoted to achieving equitable health outcomes for a community. Click here to read this report.

### How to Launch a Supportive Housing Pay for Success Project

This report explains the Pay for Success (PFS) program and provides step-by-step guidance on how organizations, government entities, and local stakeholders can design and implement a PFS supportive housing project to reduce people’s experience of homelessness. Following the steps and recommendations outlined in this report can strengthen a community’s planning process, which should not be seen as a linear process, but more of a targeted exploration on how to setup a supportive housing intervention in your community.
A Neighborhood Reborn & Resident Reflections - Pittsburgh PA

Residents and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh are celebrating with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 150 brand new apartments and townhomes in Cornerstone Village. Read about resident reflections on the long fought for redevelopment effort. The FY14 Choice Neighborhoods grant helped fund Cornerstone Village, a mixed income development with energy conservatory features. The ceremony marks the completion of Phase 2 of this four-phase project.

Small Town Rebirth Through Immigrants, Collaboration, Co-ops and Choice Neighborhoods – Lewiston ME

A $1.3 million Choice Neighborhoods planning grant is part of a larger grassroots, community-based effort to revive a formerly industrial town in Maine. Community collaborators, organizations, Somali immigrants, along with long-time residents have come together to produce a new community vision.