

# Choice Neighborhoods

news about transformational housing, people, & neighborhoods

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HUD Announces \$5 million for FY20 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants!

Planning Grants are two-year grants of up to \$450,000 each that assist communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and carrying out early action activities to build the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.

**Applications are due on Monday, September 14, 2020.**

For more info. visit [hud.gov/cn](http://hud.gov/cn), [grants.gov](http://grants.gov), or submit questions to [ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov](mailto:ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov).

## HUD COVID-19 RESOURCES

### Notices & Memorandums

- **PIH Notice 2020-13: COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers**
  - *This notice supersedes PIH 2020-05 Notice with revisions.*
- **Waiver revisions and technical corrections for PIH Notice 2020-13**
- **CARES Act Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Public Housing & HCVs**
- **PIH Notice 2020-18: CARES Act – HCV Program Administrative Fees**
  - *This notice supersedes PIH Notice 2020-08.*
- **PIH Notice 2020-07: FY20 Operating Fund Appropriations Supplemental Guidance**
- **CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support COVID-19 Response**

### HUD and Program COVID-19 Response Pages (updated regularly)

- **PHA & HCV Landlord Eviction Prevention & Stability Toolkit**

<b><u>PHA Brochure</u></b>	<b><u>Tenant Brochure</u></b>	<b><u>Landlord Flyer</u></b>	<b><u>Resident Needs Assessment Survey</u></b>
<b><u>Repayment Guidance</u></b>	<b><u>1. Repayment Agreement Example</u></b>	<b><u>2. Repayment Agreement Example</u></b>	<b><u>HCV Repayment Agreement Example</u></b>

- **Choice Neighborhoods Peer Exchange on Resident Stability Recording**

- Peer-led discussion about what steps are being taken and concerns grantees have on eviction prevention and other COVID-19 related topics.
- **Housing Partner Flyer on Safe Distribution & Safe Distancing**
  - This toolkit offers information and resources to PHAs and HCV landlords on ways to stabilize families during and after COVID-19
- **COVID-19 Resources for Frontline Staff, Residents**
  - Steward of Affordable Housing brings practitioner-developed tools and templates for frontline staff, residents, managers of public and multi-family housing.
- **COVID-19 FAQ for PHAs (Round 5 | Updated: July 16, 2020)**
- **Dedicated email address for questions from PHAs**
  - Please send any questions related to responding to COVID-19 to PIH-COVID@hud.gov.
- **COVID-19 PHA Quick Guide**
  - Provides PHAs and TDHEs with considerations as they develop strategies to address the impact of the pandemic on their staff, residents, communities, and stakeholders.
- **COVID-19 Interaction Playbook for Housing Partners**
  - This guidance seeks to create a safer environment and distribution of goods and services to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate the health risks on staff, residents, service providers, and landlords.
- **Q&A for Office of Multifamily Housing Stakeholders**
- **CPD program formula allocation & CARES Act supplemental funding for FY20**
- **PHA Disaster Readiness and Preparation Guide**
  - List of vital issues that PHAs should consider when formulating disaster/emergency preparation plans.
- **HUD COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets**
- **PIH COVID-19 Webpage**

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## RESIDENT SUPPORT

### Resources that may be distributed to Residents

- **COVID-19 Resident Resources One-Pager**
  - Curated resource list covering health, food, finance/employment, internet/computers, education, and youth supports for residents.
- **COVID-19 Prevention Resident Flyer**
  - Flyer detailing prevention, at-risk populations, and identifying symptoms of COVID-19.

### Health

- **Free Training to Help Outpatient Providers Transition to Telehealth**
  - On Wednesdays, until Sept. 23, HHS is offering trainings to accelerate telemedicine implementation for ambulatory providers.
- **Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19**

- [Links to where there are available CO VID-19 testing sites near you.](#)
- **PHAs & TDHEs can host a testing site operated by an HHS partner**
  - [If you know of a PHA or TDHE that may be interested in hosting a testing site operated by one of HHS's private partners, please have them email PIH-COVID@hud.gov. HHS will provide the information to their partners.](#)

## Employment

- **Unemployment benefits assistance**
  - [Learn how to apply for unemployment benefits, workers' compensation, welfare or temporary assistance, and other programs and services that could help if someone lost their job.](#)

## Case Management

- **HHS remote case management resource**
  - [Virtual case management considerations and resources for human services programs.](#)
- **COVID-19 Household Resources Assessment**
  - [Urban Strategies has shared their resident services tool for assessing a household's needs and resources to respond to COVID-19.](#)

## Food Resources

- **USDA Meals-To-You Program**
  - [Eligible families in participating school districts get a Meals-to-You box delivered to their home, for each of their students, during school closure periods.](#)
- **HUD's Food Pantry Finder Tool**
  - [Food pantry locator. Searchable by city or zip code.](#)

## Education

- **Guide, advice, and searchable database for caring for students at home**
  - [This is a curated space for resources, tools, and guidance that can help everyone trying to support young children learning during this trying time.](#)

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## FUNDING SUPPORT

### How Communities can use CDBG funds to address COVID-19 Webinar

<a href="#">Video Recording</a>	<a href="#">Slide Deck</a>
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- **FEMA COVID-19 funding for nonprofits**
  - [Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding through FEMA's Public Assistance program. Funds will be available throughout the duration of the public health emergency.](#)

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## EVENTS & TOOLS

- **PIH Wednesday webinars on public housing repositioning**
    - PIH is hosting the Wednesday Webinar series intended to explain and discuss common issues related to public housing repositioning. The webinars will be held on Wednesdays from 1-3PM ET.
  - **COVID-19 Webinar on safe cleaning & disinfecting of indoor environments**
    - Tribal Healthy Homes Network's webinar, hosted by Partnership for Air Matters, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the indoor environment, in tribal and impacted communities.
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