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HUD Awards \$10 Million to Public Housing Agencies for Safety and Security Needs

Grants to support crime prevention, carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, smoke detectors, and fire alarms in 56 communities.

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded \$10 million to 56 Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to make needed capital improvements in public housing developments that serve to enhance safety and security for residents. See the full list of awardees [here](#).

“Children and families rely on investments like the Emergency Safety and Security Program to improve public housing and provide safety and security measures,” **said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge**. “This federal funding helps ensure that communities can handle emergency situations, strengthen their security measures, and provide families and individuals with the tools needed to save lives.”

“Housing authorities need to prioritize resident health and safety,” **said Richard J. Monocchio, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing**. “These awards are vital sources of funding for agencies to address pressing concerns that impact residents' quality of life, safety, and long-term health.”

The funds are awarded through HUD’s Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program, which supports public housing authorities as they address the safety of public housing residents. These grants may be used to install, repair, or replace capital equipment or systems that contribute to a safer living environment for residents, including security systems/surveillance cameras, fencing, lighting systems, emergency alarm systems, window bars, deadbolt locks, doors, and carbon monoxide detectors.

These funds also support the Biden-Harris Administration’s [Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety](#). This strategy is highly preventative by implementing proven measures to reducing violent crime and attacking its root causes. This includes stemming the flow of firearms used to commit crimes, invest in evidence-based community violence interventions, and support local law enforcement with federal tools and resources.