

Choice Neighborhoods

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Announcements

CDC Eviction Moratorium Extended to June 30

In early April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an Order extending the eviction moratorium to June 30, 2021. A summary of the Order is available [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program

This Cooperative Agreement provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to develop community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations in partnership with local governments, industry, academia, or businesses. Number of awards: 46. Closing Date for applications: June 1, 2021. Award Ceiling: \$200,000. No floor. Total program funding: \$9.2 million.

HUD Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program

Competitive grants to public housing authorities 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

FY2020 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantee Peer Exchange

A recording of the peer exchange session for new Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grantees, "Identifying Asset and Needs Assessments/Community Engagement Strategies" was posted along with a copy of the presentation.

Guidance for Public Housing Authorities about COVID-19 Vaccinations

HUD's Office of Public & Indian Housing provides a guidance document with information about providing vaccines for residents and staff.

The National League of Cities American Rescue Plan Summary

The National League of Cities provides a [searchable summary](#) of all the provisions of the American Rescue Plan.

Exclusions from Annual Income Calculations: Additional Unemployment Benefit and Monthly Child Tax Credit from the American Rescue Plan

HUD has determined that the \$300/week unemployment benefit and the upcoming monthly child tax credit payment are to be **excluded** from the annual income calculation. If you have questions, please send them to: pih-covid@hud.gov.

Strategies for Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence (recorded webinar)

HUD presented a [webinar](#) that provided information about COVID-19 vaccine myths and misinformation, barriers to vaccine access, resources to share information about the vaccine, and how to engage with community leaders to promote awareness.

The Past, Present, and Future of the New Markets Tax Credit Program (recorded webinar)

The New Markets Tax Credit program is a long-standing place-based program that provides federal tax credits to attract private investment into low-income communities. The Urban Institute presented [new evidence](#) on the program: the types of projects it supports, the neighborhoods where it is active, and its impacts on those communities.

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