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**TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees
All Other Interested Stakeholders in FHA Transactions**

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HUD wants Your Suggestions about Opportunity Zones

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We wanted to make sure you saw HUD's newest Request for Information (RFI) published on April 17, 2019, in the *Federal Register*. We are seeking to hear from stakeholders like you about how we can leverage the tools HUD has to maximize the positive impact of Opportunity Zones. Created by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Opportunity Zones are distressed communities that provide tax benefits to investors who make new investments in the Zones.

You can see the RFI here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/04/17/2019-07682/review-of-hud-policy-in-opportunity-zones>

As the Chair of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, HUD Secretary Carson is very interested in all the levers HUD can pull to make Opportunity Zones vibrant economic engines for their residents. Don't be wary of making outside the box suggestions on the information contained in the RFI, including the following questions:

- What tools can HUD provide to make local communities, investors and other stakeholders more aware of the full range of applicable Federal financing programs and incentives available to projects located in urban and economically distressed areas, including Opportunity Zones?
- What types of technical assistance should be offered through HUD?

It is important that you submit your comments and suggestions using one of the response methods contained in the RFI. We are unable to accept responses or reply to emails submitted to this email box.

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- View the HUD Opportunity Zones Request for Information in the *Federal Register* at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/04/17/2019-07682/review-of-hud-policy-in-opportunity-zones>

Resources

Contact the FHA Resource Center:

- Visit our online knowledge base to obtain answers to frequently asked questions 24/7 at: www.hud.gov/answers.
- E-mail the FHA Resource Center at: answers@hud.gov. Emails and phone messages will be responded to during normal hours of operation, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Eastern), Monday through Friday on all non-Federal holidays.
- Call 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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