



BUFFALO & ALBANY FIELD OFFICES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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KEY PROGRAMS & CONTACTS

Office of Field Policy and Management

Office of Community Planning and Development

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Office of Housing

Office of Public and Indian Housing



WELCOME

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FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business.

HUD's Buffalo Field Office, located in Downtown Buffalo, is responsible for administering and monitoring HUD programs throughout 23 counties in the State of New York. The Buffalo Field Office jurisdiction includes the central and western counties of New York State with the cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Niagara Falls, and scores of smaller cities and villages.

The Buffalo Field Office is a full-service office, providing all of HUD's major programs: Public and Indian Housing (PIH), Community Planning and Development (CPD), Multifamily Housing, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), the Office of General Counsel (OGC), and additional functions.

Lisa Pugliese also serves as the Acting Albany Field Office Director. The Albany Field Office jurisdiction contains 25 counties which includes the eastern, northern, and central counties of New York with the cities of Amsterdam, Albany, Binghamton, Glens Falls, Plattsburgh, Rome, Schenectady, Troy, Utica, Watertown, and scores of smaller cities, towns, and villages.

OFFICE OF FIELD POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

The **Office of Field Policy and Management (FPM)** is your first contact for services and information. We strive to meet the needs of our customers and make a positive difference in their lives. The regional and field offices communicate the priorities and policies of the Secretary and develop community relationships that ensure the success of the Secretary's initiatives and special projects. FPM addresses program delivery issues and determines program impacts. The Office is instrumental in providing operational feedback that influences program design and Departmental policy making.

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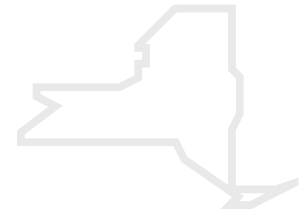
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Advance Secretarial Initiatives and HUD's Strategic Goals

FPM implements statewide efforts to advance Secretarial initiatives and strategic goals of the Department.

Primary Point of Contact for the Department in the Field

FPM builds and maintains collaborations with local governments, elected officials, industry groups, media, and the general public to address housing priorities.

Outreach and Engagements

FPM aligns local decision-making with HUD programs and initiatives, including: Economic Opportunity, Disaster Support and Resiliency, and Davis Bacon Labor Standards.

HUD Allocated \$6.57 Billion* to New York in Funding for FY2020

*USAspending.gov funding estimate of major HUD programs & CARES Act funding including:

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)
Public and Indian Housing (PIH)
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes(OLHCHH)



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The **Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)** seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations.

CPD Programs include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program

Continuum of Care Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The HUD program provides funding for local governments and nonprofit providers to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

[Contact a CoC Organization in New York.](#)

Directory of HUD CDBG Entitlement Communities in New York.

Grantees of CPD funding include State and local governments, along with community-based organizations, that administer the funding to support communities and their residents.



OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The **Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)** works to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities by leading the nation in the enforcement, administration, development, and public understanding of federal fair housing policies and laws.

If you believe your rights may have been violated, we encourage you to submit a complaint with FHEO. Because there are time limits on when a complaint can be filed with HUD after an alleged violation, you should submit a complaint as soon as possible.

More Information on Filing a Fair Housing Discrimination Complaint

Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)

Through the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP), HUD funds state and local agencies that administer fair housing laws that HUD has determined to be substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.

The New York State Division of Human Rights and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission are the state agencies in New York participating in FHAP.

Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)

Fair housing organizations and other non-profits that receive funding through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) assist people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination. FHIP organizations partner with HUD to help people identify government agencies that handle complaints of housing discrimination. FHIP also has initiatives that promote fair housing laws and equal housing opportunity awareness.

[Search FHIP Organizations in New York.](#)

OFFICE OF HOUSING

The **Office of Housing** oversees the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the largest mortgage insurer in the world. HUD's Multifamily programs provide mortgage insurance to HUD-approved lenders to facilitate the construction, substantial rehabilitation, purchase and refinancing of multifamily housing projects. HUD's Single Family programs include mortgage insurance on loans to purchase new or existing homes, condominiums, manufactured housing, houses needing rehabilitation, and for reverse equity mortgages to elderly homeowners.

Office of Housing Programs include:

- Housing Counseling
- Multifamily Housing
- Single Family Housing



The **Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD)** allows proven financing tools to be applied to at-risk public and assisted housing under two components: RAD for PHAs and RAD for Multifamily.

[More information on the RAD Program](#)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

The **Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)** oversees and monitors a range of programs for low-income households. Its three major business areas include the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, Public Housing program, and [Native American programs](#).

Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. HUD administers Federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford.

[More information on Public Housing Programs](#)

Housing Counseling

HUD provides support to a nationwide network of Housing Counseling Agencies (HCA) and counselors. HCA's are trained and approved to provide tools to current and prospective homeowners, renters so that they can make responsible choices to address their housing needs in light of their financial situations.

Contact a [HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency in New York](#) or Call HUD's interactive voice system at (800) 569-4287.

Multifamily Housing supports the development, rehabilitation and maintenance of multiple-unit affordable housing through FHA mortgage insurance programs. HUD provides capital grants to nonprofits for the construction and support of affordable housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Multifamily Housing Programs include:

[Project-Based Rental Assistance \(PBRA\)](#),
[Housing for Persons with Disabilities \(Section 811\)](#),
[Housing for the Elderly \(Section 202\)](#).

HUD Homeownership Centers insure single family FHA mortgages, assure FHA mortgage quality, and oversee the selling of HUD homes. The [Philadelphia Homeownership Center \(PAHOC\)](#) serves multiple states, including New York.

Housing Choice Vouchers Program allow very low-income families to choose and lease or purchase safe, decent, and affordable privately-owned rental housing. Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from HUD to administer the voucher program.

HCV Program Vouchers and Services include:

- [Family Unification Program \(FUP\)](#)
 - [Foster Youth to Independence \(FYI\) initiative](#)
- [Mainstream](#) vouchers to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities
- [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD-VASH\)](#)
- [Family Self-Sufficiency \(FSS\)](#)

[More information and overview of the Housing Choice Vouchers Program](#)

HUD Highlights in New York



HUD Allocated Nearly \$1.25 Billion in Coronavirus Relief Funds to New York

Nearly \$476 Million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Over \$496 Million in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
Over \$7.4 Million in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)
Nearly \$268 Million to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)

FHA eviction and foreclosure moratorium has been extended to June 30, 2021, and the PIH evictions moratorium has been extended until March 31, 2021.

More information on CPD COVID-19 Grantee Guidance, including CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA

More information on Public Housing Agencies Coronavirus Resources, including PIH Notices, FAQs

More information and updates on HUD Coronavirus Resources

Continuum of Care (CoC)

HUD awarded \$246 Million in Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funding to 521 state and local programs in New York. The grant funding renews grants for existing programs designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness. More information on CoC.

Press Release on January 29, 2021

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

New York PHAs converted 47 projects covering 9,160 housing units under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program.

More details and contact information of PHAs in New York.

Opportunity Zones

There are 514 approved census tracts designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones in New York. The incentive is designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities.

More information on OZ Community Toolkit and Resources.

ConnectHomeUSA Communities

There are 2 New York participants (Fairstead Management, LLC and the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers) in the program to narrow the digital divide for residents living in HUD-assisted housing.

More information on ConnectHomeUSA.

Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

18 High Impact Neighborhoods Jurisdictions and 40 Highest Lead-Based Paint Abatement Needs Jurisdictions were identified in FY2020 to address lead-based paint hazards in New York's housing stock.

More information on Lead-Based Paint and Lead Hazard Reduction.

Promise Zones

Promise Zones are high poverty communities where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, reduce violent crime, enhance public health and address other priorities identified by the community.

More information on Promise Zones.

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