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As I come upon my one-year anniversary in my second tour of duty as Regional Administrator of the HUD Midwest office and with Thanksgiving behind us, it is a great time to reflect upon our joint accomplishments to date and would like to express my deep appreciation to my staff and our partners who greatly contribute to our mission in serving the most vulnerable among us. Thank you all!

I am also thankful for the life and legacy of our beloved 41st Commander in Chief, George H.W. Bush, America's last great soldier-statesman. He led an amazing life with numerous accomplishments including masterfully handling the Soviet Union and independence of Eastern Europe, the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act and as a Congressman 50 years ago, he voted for the passage of the Fair Housing Act to name a few.

Over the last year we have commemorated several milestones including the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act: [50 Years of Opening Doors](#); It has been 45 years since [PD&R](#) was established, 40 years of the incredibly valuable [HUDUser](#) resource came to be; We are also commemorating 30 years of empowering individuals through the [Fair Housing Initiatives Program](#) and [Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency](#); 25 years of Family Self-Sufficiency and 20th Anniversary of the creation of the [Special Application Center](#) and [Departmental Enforcement Center](#)!

We had a very busy year and we look forward our ongoing partnership and contribution to improving the lives of individuals in our communities.



With warm regards,

Joseph P. Galvan
HUD Midwest Regional Administrator

SECRETARY CARSON TO LEAD WHITE HOUSE OPPORTUNITY AND REVITALIZATION COUNCIL



President Donald Trump signed [an Executive Order](#) establishing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and named U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson as its chairperson. The Council's 13 Federal member agencies will engage with governments at all levels on ways to more effectively use taxpayer dollars to revitalize low-income communities. The Council will improve revitalization efforts by streamlining, coordinating, and targeting existing Federal programs to Opportunity Zones, economically distressed communities where new investments may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Additionally, the Council will consider legislative proposals and undertake regulatory reform to remove barriers to revitalization efforts and present the President with options to encourage capital investment in economically distressed communities.

"These are still early days for the work of the Council and [Opportunity Zones](#), but the groundwork has been laid," Secretary Carson said. "The seeds the President has planted are growing and the promise they hold will improve places long forgotten, and the lives of those who call those places home."

President Trump signed the *2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*, creating Opportunity Zones to stimulate long-term investments in low-income communities. The program offers capital gains tax relief to those who invest in these distressed areas. This program is anticipated to spur \$100 billion in private capital investment in Opportunity Zones. Incentivizing investment in low-income communities fosters economic revitalization, job creation, and promotes sustainable economic growth across the nation, especially in communities HUD serves. [Read more about the Opportunity Zones program](#); see [MAP](#).

HUD MIDWEST ENVISION CENTERS

HUD Midwest-Region V currently has five of the 17 [EnVision Centers](#) with more coming online soon. Three sites which were the original pilot, are located in the Detroit metropolitan area, the Detroit Housing Commission, [Inkster Housing Authority](#) and [Life Remodeled. A Safe Haven](#) in Chicago and the [Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority](#) in collaboration with United returning Citizens were announced in June 7, 2018.

On July 20, 2018, Neli Vazquez Rowland and Brian Rowland, Co-founders of A Safe Haven, hosted Secretary Carson joined by Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan and other federal agency leaders to tour of [A Safe Haven's flagship](#) location in Chicago's North Lawndale community ([See Video](#)). A Safe Haven has been working to house homeless individuals as a CoC and has been involved in the development of innovative ways to address social determinants of health and the opioid crisis which is often the impetus for homelessness. They recently launched a powerful [billboard](#) to ensure individuals in need are aware that they can find A Safe Haven. EnVision Centers will provide HUD-assisted families, and other families in need of assistance, access to support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency in the four pillars – (1) Economic Empowerment, (2) Educational Advancement, (3) Health and Wellness, and (4) Character and Leadership, thereby streamlining federal resources to gain access to comprehensive and integrated assistance through this “one-stop-shop.”



(Left) Brian Rowland, Co-Founder of A Safe Haven, Regional Administrator Galvan, [Tiffany](#), [Neli Vazquez Rowland](#), A Safe Haven

SECRETARY BEN CARSON MAKES \$30 MILLION CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT IN FLINT



The City of Flint and Flint Housing Commission were awarded a [\\$30 million Choice Neighborhood Implementation](#) Grant targeting South Flint and its surrounding areas and will leverage an additional \$270 million in additional local investments. Flint was one of five cities nationally to be awarded this grant which leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing.

Supported by a 2014 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant, local leaders and community members created a plan to improve South Flint and capitalize on recent investments and momentum. Part of this includes replacing the obsolete Atherton East Public Housing Development. The housing revitalization plan includes the demolition and one-for-one replacement of the 192 public housing units of Atherton, with an additional 121 units of workforce and market-rate housing-for a total of 313 new rental units for the City.

The current site of Atherton East is isolated and situated in a flood plain, resulting in the development plan to be located at an off-site which will provide residents with greater opportunity. Key partners engaged to help successfully accomplish the Choice Neighborhood plan are Mott Community College Workforce Development to create job training opportunities, Norstar Development, USA will lead the housing revitalization plan, Flint and Genesee Literacy Network, Atherton East Tenant Council, Catholic Charities, Crim Fitness Foundation, Flint Police Department, and many others.

AROUND THE REGION

Deputy Secretary Pamela Patenaude in Dayton

Deputy Secretary Pam Patenaude joins, Regional Administrator Galvan and Congressman Michael Turner to at a roundtable discussion for a briefing on the opioid epidemic and best practices they have engaged in since forming the [Community Overdose Action Team](#) in response to the crisis. The Community Overdose Action Team seeks to stabilize the number of people dying from drug overdoses and reduce the number of fatal overdoses. As part of this inter-agency collaborative approach over 60 community leaders from numerous public and private organizations throughout Montgomery County are members of the Steering Committee that will help guide the work, (see COAT [annual report](#) and [mortality report](#)).

Deputy Secretary Patenaude also visited DeSoto Bass Courts, where they were previously awarded a \$2.4 million Jobs Plus Grant and a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant in 2016 to increase job-training and self-sufficiency opportunities and to promote community revitalization efforts respectively. She also toured the recently renovated Whitmore Arms and [River Commons II](#), the largest permanent supportive housing facility in Montgomery County, Ohio where they are working diligently to effectively end chronic homelessness.



*Near West Side Partners and Marquette University
Receive \$1.3 million Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant*



[Left] HUD Regional Administrator and partners in front of College Court towers with Choice Neighborhood Near West Side partners in Milwaukee, WI.

[Right] Regional Administrator Galvan address attendees at Choice Neighborhood Near West Side CEO Symposium



In September, HUD announced nearly \$5 million in grant awards to six communities across the nation with the goal of assisting in neighborhood redevelopment. This included a \$1.3 million Choice Neighborhood grant awarded to Marquette University and [Near West Side Partners \(NWSP\)](#) with goal to revitalize HUD assisted College Court housing units and the surrounding Near West Side Community in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On September 10, the Region V Administrator, Joseph P. Galvan, traveled to Milwaukee for a press event held on the Harley-Davidson Headquarters in the Near West Side neighborhood. The event included key speakers: Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Harley-Davidson CEO Matthew Levatich, Marquette University President Dr. Michael Lovell, Executive Director of Near West Side President Keith Stanley, and Secretary-Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee Tony Perez.

For more information about the Near West Side Partners Choice Neighborhood Grant and the September event, [read here](#).

HUD Midwest Welcomes Kimberly Wize as Indiana Field Office Director



We are excited to welcome Kimberly Wize to her new role as Indiana Field Office Director. Wize joined HUD in 2008 as a senior program advisor for HUD's Headquarters Office of Field Operations. While out-stationed in HUD's Indianapolis Field Office, Wize worked closely with troubled housing authorities serving as a subject matter expert in the most difficult circumstances. Wize has more than 25 years of affordable housing experience, including direct public housing agency knowledge.

In 2011, while serving as a HUD Senior Advisor, Wize was tapped to lead the Virgin Islands Housing Authority Board and in 2017 she became a part of the receivership efforts to turn around at the Alexander County Housing Authority in Cairo, Illinois.

Prior to joining HUD, Wize previously served as Executive Director of the Indiana Housing Finance Agency (later renamed the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority) and COO of the Indianapolis Housing Agency. Wize also held various positions with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and was executive director of the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention based in Indianapolis. Please join us as we welcome Kimberly Wize to her new role.



HUD Welcomes Donald Kathan aboard as the New Illinois Community Planning and Development Director

HUD Region V welcomes Donald Kathan as the new Illinois Director of Community Planning and Development at the Chicago Regional Office. Kathan accepted this position at the end of July and oversees HUD's major formula block grant and competitive grant programs for the State of Illinois. Mr. Kathan comes to the Regional office from the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) where he was an Area Director for over a decade. In that role, he guided grant funding decisions to help create jobs and foster economic opportunity throughout EDA's six-state Region V area.

"My selection as CPD Director is a tremendous opportunity for me to bring my grant management experience to HUD and to help provide safe, decent, affordable housing for the American people while being a good steward of taxpayer dollars," according to Don.

Born and raised in Chicago, Don earned his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Don is also a former U.S. Air Force officer who earned his MBA while serving on active duty. Don has served in the Federal government for the last 29 years in a variety of management positions. Outside of work, Don serves on the Board of a local non-profit and ran for Mayor in 2017 in his suburban Chicago village, where he narrowly lost to a 6-term incumbent by less than 300 votes. Don credits his wife and family as his biggest support mechanism and encourages his CPD managers and staff to continuously strive for a "spirit of excellence."

Grant Improves Security in Elkhart, IN



Acting FOD, Kimberly Wize presents the Elkhart Housing Authority with grant to improve security. Pictures from L-R: Police Chief Ed Windbigler, Director of Comprehensive Improvements Mitchell Craven, Acting Indiana FOD Kimberly Wize, and Elkhart Mayor, Tim Neese.

HUD awarded \$5 million in grants to 22 public housing authorities across the country with the goal of keeping public housing residents safe and secure. The Housing Authority of the City of Elkhart in Elkhart, Indiana received \$226,000 for security camera systems, fencing and lighting to improve security for residents at the Bannerker Heights housing facility.

Kimberley Wize, the Acting Indiana Field Office Director for HUD Region V, officially awarded the grant at a press event on September 12, 2018. Key speakers included the Mayor of Elkhart, Tim Neese, Ed Windbigler, the Elkhart Police Chief, and Mitchell Craven, the Director of Comprehensive Improvements at the Housing Authority.

For more information about the event and the grant, [read here](#).

HUD and VA Team Up to Reduce Veteran Homelessness

This October, HUD Secretary Ben Carson and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie announced \$35 million in grants to combat veteran homelessness. The funding is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program to 212 public agencies across the country to provide permanent homes for over 4,000 veterans experiencing homelessness with wrap-around services provided by the VA. Housing Authorities in each of the states in the Midwest region received HUD-VASH funding.

For more information about the Elgin event, [read here](#); Winnebago HUD-VASH [read here...](#)



[Left] HUD Midwest Regional Administrator (RA), Joseph P. Galvan, announced over \$144,000 HUD-VASH award to the Housing Authority of Elgin.

[Right top]: RA Galvan provides a heartfelt "Thank you" to Veteran housed through HUD-VASH program;

[Right bottom]: RA with Winnebago Housing Authority Executive Director, Alan Zais, Veteran Affairs staff and direct service providers helping to end homelessness.

Minnesota Field Office Giving Back: Filling the Night with Light



For Childhood Cancer Awareness month, Ben Osborn, from the Multifamily Office at the Minneapolis Field Office, organized a flashlight mob outside of Children's Minnesota hospital. Osborn wanted to bring joy to the families and children who are facing severe illness. Osborn's own son battled cancer and he knew first-hand how difficult this time can be.

"It's amazing when you go through a health crisis how many people rush into hold you up," said Osborn. "That's what you realize, as tough as your battle is, somebody else has it tougher. I hope for a minute they feel a little bit of peace, know people are thinking about them, people care, and they are not alone." A crowd stood outside the hospital, shining flashlights into rooms, while patients too sick to leave their rooms were given flashlights to shine back down into the street.

MOTOWN PUTS A DENT IN HUNGER

Detroit Field Office Collects 5-tons of Food for "Feds Feed Families" Campaign



HUD employees help load collected food donations for delivery. L-R: Ira Thompson, PIH; Tony Otto, OCIO; Cody Cranmer, MF Development

For this year's "Feds Feed Families" campaign, the Detroit Field Office collected 10,311 pounds (over 5 tons) of food to donate to an area food bank, nearly doubling last year's total of 5,572 pounds. The food was collected by HUD employees from all divisions and donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank, which aids people living in the Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, and Monroe counties in the State of Michigan.

The office divided into 10 teams in order to foster a healthy competitive spirit while giving folks an opportunity to get to know staff from different divisions. The winning team was able to collect over 2,400 pounds of food on its own.

"Our employees work every day to help people improve their quality of life. Their incredible generosity shows just how caring they are. The Detroit HUD employees are the best." Field Office Director, Mike Polsinelli, noted.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Tools & Resources

- [Regional Housing Market Data and Analysis](#)
- [New State and Local Comprehensive Market Analysis Reports](#)
- [Regional Housing Market Conditions Narrative](#)
- [Community Assessment Reporting Tool \(CART\)](#) - HUD investments by Community
- [HUD Resource Locator](#) - offers real-time HUD housing information
- [HUD Exchange](#) - resources and assistance for HUD's community partners
- AMI: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2018>

Notice of Funding Announcements

Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Close Date
FR-6100-N-40	Notice of Funding Availability for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Homeless Management Information System Capacity Building Project	01/31/2019
FR-6200-N-21A	Fair Housing Initiative Program - Education and Outreach Initiative	12/19/2018
FR-6200-N-21-B	Fair Housing Initiative Program - Fair Housing Organization Initiative	12/19/2018
FR-6200-N-21-C	Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement Initiative	12/19/2018
FR-6200-N-23	Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages	01/07/2019

All Federal Agencies: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

HOW TO APPLY:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html>

https://www.hud.gov/i_want_to/apply_for_a_grant

DUN and Bradstreet DUNS Number Guide - [Read the Guide.](#)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/prepare-to-apply-and-register/registration/org-representative-registration/grantsgov-org-registration.htm>

RECENT NEWS RELEASES

- [HUD Awards \\$23 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination](#) (December 4, 2018)
- [HUD and Census Bureau Report New Residential Sales in October 2018](#) (November 28, 2018)
- [HUD Charges Owners, Builders of Denver Apartment Complex with Discrimination Against Disabled Residents](#) (November 27, 2018)
- [HUD Awards \\$30 Million to Help Children in Foster Care](#) (November 21, 2018)
- [HUD and Census Bureau Report Residential Construction Activity in October 2018](#) (November 20, 2018)
- [FHA Releases 2018 Annual Report to Congress](#) (November 15, 2018)
- [Trump Administration Announces Decline in Veteran Homelessness](#) (November 1, 2018)
- [HUD Charges Ohio Landlords with Discriminating Against West Virginia Resident with Disabilities](#) (October 23, 2018)
- [HUD Charges Wisconsin Landlords with Discriminating Against Families with Children](#) (October 23, 2018)
- [FHA Announces Streamlined Claim Payment Requirements in Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program](#) (October 22, 2018)
- [Trump Administration Marks National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week](#) (October 22, 2018)
- [HUD Deputy Secretary Patenaude and Israeli Deputy Finance Minister Cohen Sign Joint Memorandum of Cooperation](#) October 22, 2018
- [HUD Allocates Additional \\$50 Million to Victims of 2017 Natural Disasters](#) (October 19, 2018)
- [HUD Launches 'Humans of HUD' Photoblog](#) (October 16, 2018)
- [HUD Invites Public Housing Agencies to Join Moving to Work Demonstration Program](#) (October 15, 2018)
- [HUD Awards \\$47 Million in Housing Counseling Grants](#) (October 10, 2018)

[Historic Chicago Apartment Development Earns 2018 HUD Secretary Award](#) (October 4, 2018)
[HUD and VA Secretaries Announce Housing Initiatives to Support Homeless Veterans](#) (October 3, 2018)
[HUD Awards \\$6.7 Million in Research Grants to Reduce Lead and Other Housing-Related Health Hazards](#) (October 2, 2018)
[HUD and Puerto Rico Ink \\$1.5 Billion Disaster Recovery Grant Agreement](#) (September 20, 2018)
[HUD Awards \\$8 Million to Eight Public Housing Authorities for Emergency and Security Improvements](#) (September 20, 2018)
[HUD Awards Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#) (September 5, 2018)
[HUD Awards \\$99 Million to Provide Affordable Housing to People with Disabilities](#) (September 4, 2018)
[Following Court Ruling, HUD Moving Forward on Amending Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Regulations](#) (August 21, 2018)
[HUD Launches Campaign to Boost Landlord Acceptance of Housing Vouchers](#) (August 20, 2018)
[HUD Seeks to Streamline and Enhance 'Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing' Rule](#) (August 13, 2018)
[HUD Approves \\$1.5 Billion Disaster Recovery Plan in Puerto Rico](#) (July 30, 2018)
[HUD and DOJ Launch Public Awareness Campaign Against Sexual Harassment in Housing](#) (July 23, 2018)
[HUD Awards \\$144 Million to Revitalize Five Neighborhoods](#) (July 19, 2018)
[HUD Awards \\$43 Million to Help End Youth Homelessness](#) (July 13, 2018)
[HUD Approves U.S. Virgin Islands' \\$243 Million Disaster Recovery Plan](#) (July 10, 2018)
[HUD Offers Over \\$212 Million in Grants to Clean Up Lead and Other Housing-Related Health Hazards](#) (June 21, 2018)
[HUD Awards Nearly \\$20 Million to Support Homeless Programs in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands](#) (June 4, 2018)
[Secretary Carson Kicks-Off National Healthy Homes Month - Announces *Protect Our Kids!* Campaign to Enforce Lead Safety Rules](#) (June 1, 2018)
[HUD Kicks Off National Homeownership Month 2018](#) (May 31, 2018)
[Senate Confirms Brian Montgomery to Lead Federal Housing Administration](#) (May 23, 2018)
[HUD Charges Two Ohio Companies with Discriminating Against Residents with Disabilities](#) (May 17, 2018)

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Notices	Issued	Subject/Purpose
PIH-2018-24	November 27, 2018	Verification of Social Security Numbers (SSNs), (SS) (SSI) Benefits; and Effective Use of the (EIV) System's Identity Verification Report
PIH-2018-23	November 26, 2018	Public Housing Operating Subsidy Eligibility Calculations for Calendar Year (CY) 2019
PIH-2018-21	November 15, 2018	Small Area FMR Temporary Exemption for Housing Authority of the County of San Diego .
PIH-2018-20	November 6, 2018	Partnering with Utility Companies on Energy Performance Contract
PIH-2018-19	November 2, 2018	Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) Implementation of Minimum Heating Standards in Public Housing Properties
PIH-2018-18	October 26, 2018	Administrative Guidance for Effective and Mandated Use of the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System

PIH-2018-17	October 11, 2018	Request for Letters of Interest and Applications under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2019 COHORT #1 - Overall Impact of Moving to Work Flexibility
PIH 2018-16	Sept. 28, 2018	Regulatory Waivers - MDD
PIH 2018-15 (TDHEs)	Sept. 28, 2018	Required Use of the Energy and Performance Information Center for Submission of the Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Report
PIH 2018-14	Sept. 14, 2018	Revised Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program 2018 Loan Limits Attachment
PIH 2018-13 (HA)	Sept. 04, 2018	Guidance on Reporting Public Housing Agency Executive Compensation Information for Calendar Year 2017 Attachment
PIH 2018-12 Attachment 1 Attachment 2	June 28, 2018	Process for Public Housing Agency Voluntary Transfers and Consolidations of Housing Choice Vouchers and Project-Based Vouchers -
PIH 2018-11	July 2, 2018	Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) - Supplemental Guidance -
PIH 2018-10	June 11, 2018	Procedural Guidance for Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing Renewal Grant Applications
PIH 2018-09	May 21, 2018	Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program
PIH 2018-07 (HA)	May 18, 2018	Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers
PIH 2018-06	Apr. 30, 2018	Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program 2018 Loan Limits -Attachment
PIH 2018-04 (HA)	Mar. 22, 2018	Demolition and/or disposition of public housing property, eligibility for tenant-protection vouchers and associated requirements
PIH 2018-03 (HA)	Feb. 28, 2018	Guidance on the Use of Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Purposes for Subsidy Appropriated and Allocated for Calendar Year 2018 and Subsequent Years
PIH 2018-02	Feb. 8, 2018	Funding Availability for Set-Aside Tenant-Protection Vouchers - Fiscal Year 2017 Funding
PIH-2018-01 (HA)	Jan. 17, 2018	Guidance on Recent Changes in Fair Market Rent (FMR), Payment Standard, and Rent Reasonableness Requirements in the Housing Choice Voucher Program

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