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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



## A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

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All across our nation, Americans are working to overcome the challenges presented by the Coronavirus known as COVID-19. During this time, communication between federal, state, and local partners is crucial.

As the Regional Administrator for the Midwest Region of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, I am responsible for coordinating and directing HUD's activities in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. I want you to know that our team in all regional offices are available by phone or email to support you and your communities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the virus taskforce chaired by the Vice President are the national leads in responding to this event. HUD has been assigned a supporting role with Secretary Carson lending his expertise as a long-time medical professional. I assure you we are doing everything we can to assist our customers and stakeholders during this time.

An important source of information on our national webpage is HUD's coronavirus section, <https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus>. There you will find guidance to our grantees and constituents for all HUD program areas: Public and Indian Housing, Community Planning and Development, the Federal Housing Administration, Fair Housing and Multifamily Housing, among others. It will be continuously updated.

Going forward, HUD Region V will work to provide you any information relating to COVID-19 and HUD programs as quickly as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 913-8655 or email me at [joe.p.galvan@hud.gov](mailto:joe.p.galvan@hud.gov). If you think we can assist you or your team, please reach out at any time. Together, we will get through this challenge.

Joseph P. Galvan  
HUD Midwest Regional Administrator

## HUD MIDWEST REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CUTS THE RIBBON AT COLUMBUS ENVISION CENTER



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan, Columbus Field Office Director Tom Leach, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority President and CEO Charles Hillman and team at RISE Center in Columbus; Galvan with Columbus housing authority team, VA Central Ohio Healthcare System Dir. Vivian Hutson and veteran Brent Cardwell.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan was in Columbus, Ohio, in January to designate the Resident Initiatives for Success and Empowerment (RISE) Center, 1407 Cleveland Ave., as part of HUD Secretary Ben Carson's signature EnVision Center initiative. EnVision Centers offer HUD-assisted families access to support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency, thereby making scarce federal resources more readily available to a greater number of households currently waiting to receive HUD assistance. [Read more about HUD's EnVision Center Demonstration.](#)

"Housing assistance should be more than just putting a roof over someone's head," said Secretary Carson. "These EnVision Centers offer a more holistic

housing approach by connecting HUD-assisted families with the tools they need to become self-sufficient and to flourish.”

“If we succeed in helping more families become self-sufficient, more families will be able to access the housing assistance they so desperately need,” said HUD Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan. “The EnVision Centers are our way of bringing hope, opportunity and springboard to long-term success for thousands of families across the nation.”

Galvan also awarded nearly \$156,000 to the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority in [Family Self-Sufficiency funds](#) and presented \$142,000 with Veterans Affairs as part of the [HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(VASH\) program](#) for supportive housing for 24 homeless veterans.

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## HUD AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DESIGNATE TWO ENVISION CENTERS IN CINCINNATI



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority CEO Gregory Johnson and team at Findlater Gardens in Cincinnati; Regional Administrator Galvan and Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley in background; Regional Administrator Galvan with veteran Earl Logan, Cincinnati Housing Authority CEO Gregory Johnson and Cincinnati VA Medical Center Director Mark Murdock.

Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan designated Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority’s Findlater Resource Opportunities Center, 595 Strand Lane, and the Winton Terrace Resource Opportunities Center, 4848 Winneste Ave., as EnVision Centers in January. Following a highly competitive selection process, the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority and City of Cincinnati became one of the latest communities across the country with an ‘EnVision Center’ designation. Galvan also presented the largest grant amounts in the State of Ohio from fiscal year 2019 for both Family Self Sufficiency and HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing: \$365,000 and \$143,000 respectively.

Leadership from the housing authorities and Veterans Affairs medical centers were present at both events in Columbus and Cincinnati as were veterans who offered moving testimonials. Mayor John Cranley was among the VIPs who gave remarks in Cincinnati.

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## REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR JOINS SECRETARY, OHIO GOVERNOR FOR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan and Columbus Field Office Director Tom Leach joined Secretary Carson, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and additional dignitaries in Columbus Tuesday to announce the first round of Continuum of Care grants.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan was in Columbus, Ohio, in January to join Secretary Carson as he announced \$2.2 billion in Continuum of Care grants to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Representative Steve Stivers attended the ceremonial check presentation to Huckleberry House and toured Marsh Brook Place, which will provide supportive housing for youth who may struggle with homelessness. They continued to discuss homelessness at the governor’s mansion. [Read the national press release here.](#)

Regional Administrator Galvan presented ceremonial checks to the following Continuums of Care:



\$25 million to the State of Wisconsin, including \$673,000 to Racine CoC lead organization, Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization Executive Director Gai Lorenzen and team.



Nearly \$107 million across the State of Ohio, including \$3.4 million to Toledo; State Representative Marcy Kaptur and partners attended the event.



\$74 million statewide to Michigan, including nearly \$25 million to Detroit CoC lead Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) Executive Director Tasha Gray, City of Detroit and partners.



Nearly \$14 million to Lansing, Mich. CoC partners Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Capital Area Community Services, Inc., and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Nearly \$24 million across the State of Indiana, including more than \$6.3 million to the City of Indianapolis that was received by Mayor Joe Hogsett (photo on left) and more than \$9.4 million to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority received by Executive Director Jacob Sipe (photo on right).



\$1.7 million to Bloomington, Indiana received by Mayor John Hamilton, Indiana Balance of State, and partners Shalom Community Center, Indiana University Health Bloomington and Centerstone Indiana.



Nearly \$115 million to the State of Illinois including nearly \$73 million to the Chicago Continuum of Care organized under All Chicago (President and CEO Carolyn Ross) that includes nearly 4.8 million to Catholic Charities (Acting Administrator, President and CEO Kathy Donahue) and nearly \$2.5 million to the Waukegan, North Chicago, Lake County Continuum of Care. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot attended.

### REGION V HOSTS FIRST PARTNER FORUM



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan (top left and bottom right corners) and his leadership team welcomed attendees to the HUD Partner Forum at the Metcalfe building in Chicago.

Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan and the Region V Office of Field Policy and Management held its first ever HUD Partner Forum over two days in March. More than 170 stakeholders, grantees and homeless providers from public housing authorities, municipalities and non-profits, plus subject matter experts from HUD headquarters and other federal agencies, such as the Small Business Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs, attended. The forum engaged these stakeholders in addressing Secretarial initiatives including HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Opportunity Zones, repositioning and Section 3, among other high priority issues. The Offices of Community Planning and Development, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Public Housing, Housing, Healthy Homes, Labor Relations, Admin and IT participated and offered expertise as the forum provided resources and information to clients.

### FORT WAYNE HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED NEARLY HALF A MILLION IN GRANTS



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan with Fort Wayne Housing Authority Executive Director George Guy and team.

Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan presented two ceremonial checks to Fort Wayne Housing Authority Executive Director George Guy in January, including nearly \$344,000 for Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers and \$148,000 for Family Self Sufficiency.

The Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers will assist 56 individuals with disabilities gain access to affordable housing. The amount was part of \$131.3 million awarded to 325 local public housing authorities across the country and will provide affordable housing to approximately 15,363 additional non-elderly persons with disabilities.

The State of Indiana received nearly \$1.3 million in Family Self-Sufficiency Program funds, including \$148,174 for the Fort Wayne Housing Authority. The grant was part of more than \$79 million in funding awarded to nearly 700 public housing authorities across the country to help residents of public housing and voucher-assisted housing increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on public assistance and rental subsidies.

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ROUND TABLE LISTENING SESSIONS



Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan, Affordable Housing Task Force Chair Brian Bernardoni and Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Executive Director Jacob Sipe with public housing authorities and other industry partners at the first listening session in Indianapolis.

Region V kicked off the Affordable Housing Task Force round table with stakeholders and industry partners in Indianapolis at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's offices in January. Meetings were also held in the Detroit field office in February and in Columbus in March to continue the discussion on preserving units and removing barriers to affordable housing. Stay tuned for details on additional sessions.

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## ROSS GRANTS OFFER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND RESIDENT EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES



Photo 1: Mayor Sheldon Neeley and Flint Housing Commission Executive Director Harold Ince join HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan and Mike Polsinelli.  
 Photo 2: Ferndale Housing Commission Executive Director Heather Van Poucker and team plus resident Carole Morency with HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan and Mike Polsinelli.  
 Photo 3: Pam Ashby with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Executive Director Jeffrey Patterson and team.  
 Photo 4: Lake County Housing Authority Executive Director Lorraine Hocker and team with HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan.

In February, Secretary Carson announced \$36 million to public housing agencies, non-profit organizations, resident associations, and tribal grantees across the nation to hire or retain service coordinators who help connect all public housing residents with employment training, financial literacy services, educational opportunities, and health and wellness programs.

HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan was joined by Detroit Field Office Director Mike Polsinelli to present Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) funds to housing commissions in Michigan, including \$206,000 to Ferndale and \$239,000 to Flint. Back in Illinois, he presented the Lake County Housing Authority nearly \$240,000.

Cleveland Field Office Director Pam Ashby presented the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority nearly \$700,000 in ROSS grants. [Read the national press release here.](#)

## JOBS PLUS GRANTS PRESENTED IN AKRON AND CHICAGO



Photo 1: HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan with Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Brian Gage and team.  
 Photo 2: HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan with Chicago Housing Authority Acting CEO James Bebley and team.

In February, HUD Secretary Carson announced a \$20 million investment to nine public housing agencies nationally to help public housing families increase their earned income and become self-sufficient. HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan awarded Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Executive Director Brian Gage and team \$2.3 million through the Jobs Plus program. Local partners leverage an additional \$13.3 million to build skills and create career pathways. Mr. Galvan also presented \$2.8 million to Chicago Housing Authority Acting CEO James Bebley, that included \$4.4 million in local investment. [Read the national release here.](#)

## FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE FUNDS AWARDED IN BEMIDJI



Minneapolis Field Office Director Michele Smith, Bemidji Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Debbie Wold, Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht, Beltrami County Administrator Kay Mack, Bemidji City Councilwoman Emelie Rivera and Bemidji HRA Chair Mary Auger.

Minneapolis Field Office Director Michele Smith was joined by Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht in February to present nearly \$30,000 through the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative to the Bemidji Housing and Redevelopment Authority. FYI assists young people aging out of foster care and at risk of homelessness. The Bemidji Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is the first public housing authority in the Midwest region to receive FYI funds that will cover the first year of Section 8 rental assistance for six youth. [Read the national release here.](#)

### TOOLS & 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](#)
- [HUD Resource Locator](#) - offers real-time HUD housing information
- [HUD Exchange](#) - resources and assistance for HUD's community partners
- [Income Limits and Median Family Income Areas](#)

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