



To our Region III partners:

To help low-income residents increase their income and gain self-sufficiency, this week I joined **Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority Executive Director Lisa Porter, City of Bristol, Virginia Mayor Neal Osborne and City of Bristol, Tennessee Mayor Margaret Feierabend in announcing a newly designated HUD EnVision Center demonstration in the City of Bristol, Virginia**, joining 42 communities across the country taking this vital step to offer support services for the benefit of its residents.



Bristol is the fourth EnVision Center designation in Virginia, and the seventh in the Mid-Atlantic region. I made the virtual announcement on [Twitter](#) Thursday afternoon.

**HUD's EnVision Center demonstration offers assisted families support to help them achieve self-sufficiency and, thereby, making limited federal resources available to others awaiting**

assistance. It is premised on the fact that financial support alone is insufficient to solve poverty. Intentional and collective efforts across various organizations are needed to realize a more holistic path to foster lasting self-sufficiency.

We will not measure success by the number of people who enter this new EnVision Center. Success will be measured by the number of individuals who achieve greater self-sufficiency—who no longer require assistance from our programs—who gain the financial independence to be able to rent, or even buy, their own homes.

What's unique about this announcement, is that you can join us! You can see the announcement in its entirety on the [HUD Mid-Atlantic YouTube Playlist](#). The "event" includes interviews with Mayor Osborne, Mayor Feierabend, Director Porter and one of the primary partners in the venture, the United Way of Bristol's Executive Director Lisa Cofer. **BRHA Resident Services Manager Lynn Pannell leads a virtual tour at the Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority's (BRHA) Find a Way Office which will become the new EnVision Center.** Ms. Pannell will oversee the agency's assistance to residents at the Center with programs in support of the four pillars: Economic Empowerment, Educational Advancement, Health and Wellness, and Character and Leadership. For additional details, please check out our story, on [our Facebook page @HUDMidAtlantic](#).

**Do you think your city could benefit from an EnVision Center?** Just let us know!



### #MidAtlanticMeetup in Philly

As we continue to serve during this challenging time, we created **#MidAtlanticMeetup to regularly connect with our local partners** across the region to see how things are going for them. This week, we hosted a [virtual meeting](#) with Carolina Cabrera DiGiorgio, President & Chief Executive Officer of Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc., to talk about the work they do in Philadelphia, how they handled the

aftermath of hurricanes in Puerto Rico and how they are responding to the new challenges they are facing as they continue to provide services to residents during the pandemic.

## Fourth Wave of CARES Act Funding will Assist Residents Living with Disabilities

Nearly \$9 Million in HUD CARES Act funding will provide safe, affordable housing to people living with disabilities. Across the region, 60 public housing authorities/agencies will receive additional vouchers

through HUD's Section 811 Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides affordable housing to non-elderly people living with disabilities. As a parent of a disabled child, I can understand the difficulties they may face when living on their own. This funding will help folks living with disabilities find housing that will meet their needs when it is so important those most at risk can stay safely in their own homes.

As we move forward together, I hope you will continue to follow my travels and our outreach on Twitter [@JoeDeFeliceHUD](#) and [@HUDMidAtlantic](#), on our Facebook page [@HUDMidAtlantic](#) and now, on our new [HUD MidAtlantic Region \(Region III\) YouTube Playlist!](#)

**This weekend, we remember the men and women who gave their lives protecting our freedom and defending our great Nation.** We also honor the families who stood by them while they bravely served our country. We can find no better example of American greatness than the heroes who answered the call to serve and gave everything for our country. Please join me in honoring all who served.

Stay safe, stay sane and be well.



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