



To our Region III partners:

Each year, during the month of June, we highlight the benefits and importance of homeownership as well as how to achieve a safe and healthy home. People spend close to 90 percent of their time indoors. This month, we're highlighting the connection between your internal environment and your health, empowering families to create healthy homes.

You may not be aware that HUD's Federal Housing Administration (FHA) is the largest mortgage insurer in the world, insuring mortgages on single-family homes, multifamily properties and healthcare facilities. In celebration of National Homeownership Month, I



invite you to join me for a [Virtual Tour Inside](#) the Philadelphia Homeownership Center (PHOC) with Deputy Director Anthony Triolo to learn how PHOC operates. It's one of four in the country, serving 14 states.



### #MidAtlanticMeetup with our Federal Partners

As we continue our #MidAtlanticMeetup to regularly connect with our local partners, this week I [virtually joined](#) my federal counterparts at GSA, SBA, USDA and the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to discuss our partnership and the coordination of federal services throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

### HUD CARES Act Funding Awarded in Region III

Over \$174 million in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) has been awarded to communities throughout the Mid-Atlantic to serve homeless populations amid the COVID-19 outbreak. For details, visit [hud.gov](http://hud.gov).

**Over \$174 Million Allocated to Help Homeless Populations**  
**Emergency Solutions Grants in Mid-Atlantic Region**

- Delaware: \$4.2 million
- District of Columbia: \$23.1 million
- Maryland: \$34.9 million
- Pennsylvania: \$67.2 million
- Virginia: \$37.2 million
- West Virginia: \$7.7 million

**HUD CARES Act Funding**

[www.HUD.gov/coronavirus](http://www.HUD.gov/coronavirus) #HUDR3

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As communities combat the coronavirus outbreak, HUD has been highlighting stories of communities coming together to help their neighbors in need. Here are a few of our favorite local stories.



### **The Housing Authority of the City of Williamson, West Virginia**

Life doesn't slow down and [neither does the WHA](#). We mailed out 500 cloth face masks to our public housing residents today. In addition, we're grinding sidewalks, remodeling the front office to reduce congestion and reminding those who have and are making sacrifices how much we appreciate them keeping us safe. Check out HACW staffer Jamie Maynard modeling one of the new masks.

### **Wilmington Housing Authority, Delaware**

As a way to reach vulnerable populations, the State of Delaware began coronavirus testing at 10 Wilmington Housing Authority high-rise buildings on June 2, with the bulk of the testing being conducted by the Division of Public Health over a four-day period. For details visit, [Delaware.gov](#).



### **A Little Levity**

I'm more than happy to highlight a great idea to decompress from one of our own, Jared Fink, Legal Honor in the Office of Regional Counsel in Philadelphia turns to his "toolbox" for address physical, mental and emotional health during our mandatory telework at home. After a long day, Jared steps into his workshop for a necessary retreat to hone his woodworking skills, reconnect with himself, master overlooked skills and create custom furniture that is guaranteed to last longer than the typical big-box store purchase. Jared's creations include a bed frame, planter (seen here) and "a box." Next up? End tables! Thanks to Nichole Wilson for sending this over!

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 Mid-Atlantic YouTube Playlist!](#)

Please know that your work you are doing in response to COVID-19 is not going unnoticed. I look forward to the time when we can be together again, and I can thank each one of you personally. We will get through this difficult time together.

Stay safe, stay sane and be well.

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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### **Region III Recap & HUDLines, HUD's Region III e-News Brief**

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