



Bringing New Affordable Housing to Philly

This week, I joined Archbishop Nelson Pérez of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Housing and Community Services (CHCS) Director Heather Huot and many other partners and elected officials for the

[groundbreaking](#) of St. Rita Place and Cascia Center in South Philly. This new affordable senior housing community will open next fall with all the comforts of home, including on-site social services. HUD will provide \$8.2 million in operating subsidy for the next 30 years to help 46 seniors age in place and live independently. I'm proud the Department is playing such a major role in bringing much-needed affordable housing to the city. The development is the realization of CHCS's 10-year vision and will be its fifth senior residence in the city. It was a pleasure to celebrate alongside all who are working hard



to bring the project to completion. As the Archbishop said, it was a good day. *Groundbreaking photograph courtesy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*



MONEY TALKS Presents Opportunity to Talk About Opportunity Zones

I had the pleasure of joining host Michael Thomas for the premier of his new MONEY TALKS program on Yield PRO TV. Designed to bring the “real story” on the multifamily housing industry’s news around money and finance, I spoke about the benefits of federal Opportunity Zones as well as other HUD programs

and initiatives. A write-up of the interview quoted me as saying, “As a federal official, I’m telling people not to send their checks from capital gains to Washington. I’m telling them to take those dollars and reinvest them into their own communities where you can achieve a positive impact.” Check it out [here](#).

\$42.3 million awarded in CARES Act funds in the Mid-Atlantic

Covering costs related to keeping HUD-assisted families and individuals safe during COVID-19

- Delaware: \$1 million
- District of Columbia: \$4.1 million
- Maryland: \$11 million
- Pennsylvania: \$15 million
- Virginia: \$9 million
- West Virginia: \$2 million



As the nation continues to deal with this health crisis, HUD is equipping Public Housing Authorities across the region with a second round of funding to ensure they have what they need to fight the spread of the virus to keep families safe and secure.

Regional Administrator Joe DeFelice



Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Bridging the Digital Divide in York, Pa.

Beginning July 6, families and school-aged children living in the York Housing Authority’s public housing communities in York, Pa., will have access to eight months of free high-speed internet service through Comcast’s Internet Essentials Program. The [partnership](#) was announced last month. “Access to

valuable information and resources has been one of the greatest challenges that COVID-19 has presented to some of our most vulnerable community members,” said York Housing Authority’s Executive Director Regina S. Mitchell. “We are proud to partner with organizations like Comcast who can help break down this barrier and provide the resources people so desperately need to navigate this unprecedented time.”



HUD Mid-Atlantic Economic Empowerment Webinar
Offering a Path to Self-Sufficiency
Wednesday, August 19, 1 p.m.



REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO AUGUST 17! DON'T MISS OUT! Join us for the HUD Mid-Atlantic Economic Empowerment Webinar—[CHECK OUT MY VIDEO](#) to hear why!

Please join us to learn how **Section 3** can offer those who receive housing assistance a path forward towards jobs, wealth creation and economic improvement. Advance registration by August 17 is required to participate. Space is limited. To register, [click here](#).

More than \$275 million available in Lead Hazard Reduction Grants

Applications now being accepted for two programs:

- FY 2020 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program
- FY 2020 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing
- First-time applicants are encouraged to apply!
- Apply by August 24, 2020



Did you know? Approximately 24 million homes built before 1978 have significant lead-based paint hazards.

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program

On July 22, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced a **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)** for more than \$275 million to help address lead-based paint hazards and other health and safety hazards in PRE-1978, privately-owned housing.

Posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), applications for the Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) grant program are due by August 24, 2020. An additional \$12 million is available through a second [NOFA](#),

Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing, to assist American Indian tribal governments identify and remediate housing related health and safety concerns.

Through these grant programs, HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) promotes local efforts to eliminate dangerous lead hazards from lower income homes, stimulates private sector investment in lead hazard control, and educates the public about the dangers of lead-based paint. For more info about the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, [click here](#).



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HABC recognizes the years served of our President and CEO Janet Abrahams. We appreciate your energy, your kindness, and all the work you do, but most of all, we just appreciate you!

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Happy Anniversary Janet Abrahams!

It's great to see the Housing Authority of Baltimore City celebrating the third anniversary of President and CEO Janet Abrahams' great work on behalf of their residents and community. What is fun about this message, is that photo on the left brought back memories of a great day we spent touring together with Baltimore Field Office Director Carol Payne and others in Charm City and talking about the great things to come. It's important to remember to take time to celebrate these milestones and to say "thank you" for the great work underway! Congratulations Janet!

I hope you will continue to follow my travels and our outreach on Twitter [@JoeDeFeliceHUD](https://twitter.com/JoeDeFeliceHUD) and [@HUDMidAtlantic](https://twitter.com/HUDMidAtlantic), on our Facebook page [@HUDMidAtlantic](https://www.facebook.com/HUDMidAtlantic) and now, on our new [HUD Mid-Atlantic YouTube Playlist!](#)

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.

Joe DeFelice, Region III Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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