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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

For the past month, it has been my pleasure to travel throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to meet with community and nonprofit leaders, housing counselors and lenders, elected officials and concerned citizens. The topic? Helping homeowners keep their homes.

We commend the many individuals who have played a critical role in the Obama Administration's work to help communities recover from the housing crisis. Together, we have made real progress. Because we have provided responsible families opportunities to stay in their homes, 5.4 million modifications have been started in the last three years and foreclosure notices are half what they were in early 2009. By making targeted neighborhood stabilization investments, we have seen vacancies fall and home prices rise.

To be sure, we still have more to do. But with housing construction growing faster than any time since 2008--and home price gains helping 700,000 homeowners get above water in just the first three months of this year--our housing market appears to have turned a corner.

Along with the recent bipartisan \$25 billion national servicing settlement—\$210 million for the region alone—we have the momentum we need to continue that progress as we launch the most ambitious mortgage relief effort in history, and provide homeowners with billions that can be used for housing counseling, legal aid and other anti-foreclosure efforts.

At a time when we have had to scratch and claw for \$45 million in housing counseling in Washington--resources we know prevent foreclosures--these funds arrived not a moment too soon. Even still, there are still many families that are still struggling with their mortgages--we heard that message loud and clear at each gathering we attended.



In Richmond, HUD Chief of Staff Laurel Blatchford joined the Virginia Field Office team for the discussion. According to the Virginia Housing Development Authority, home prices continue to be negatively impacted by both higher for-sale inventories and growing distressed inventories. Home values in the Richmond Metro area remain well below their peak—a negative 18 percent—causing potential sellers to hold off marketing their properties until values appreciate. And, potential buyers continue to face challenges obtaining mortgage credit and are competing with investor “all-cash” purchasers. Housing counselors in attendance expressed the need for more educational outreach and the use of social media to help get the word out about options available to struggling homeowners.



At an event hosted in New Castle County, officials cited that Delaware averaged about 2,000 foreclosures per year before the mortgage crisis. In 2010 and 2011, Delaware State Housing Authority (DHSa) estimated foreclosure numbers could reach 6,000 annually. The important role of housing counselors—and the added resources the mortgage settlement will offer—was expressed time and time again. Quarterly servicer events hosted by the Attorney General’s Office and the DHSa will provide homeowners in each county with the chance to meet face to face with banking representatives and housing counselors hopefully preventing more foreclosures. Homeowner Dawn Pyle provided a personal testimony to the importance of housing counseling she received from the DHSa and YWCA Delaware. Pictured second from right with Matt Heckles (DHSa),

Maria Bynum (HUD) and Marva Wood of the YWCA (l-r), Dawn described how she almost lost her home not once, but twice due to job loss from life-threatening illnesses.

In the District of Columbia, the message was much the same. Homeowners who seek assistance through housing counselors have better outcomes. Much of the discussion centered around two key questions. How do we get the message to homeowners? How do we get more residents who are in danger of foreclosure to seek housing counseling? An acknowledgement that for many, the ultimate goal in life is to own a home. And that in this day and age, that lifelong goal for many may be in jeopardy because of circumstances beyond their control.

In communities like Alexandria, finding affordable housing can be as challenging as keeping it. A panel that included lenders, housing counselors and legal advisors offered advice about when it makes sense to refinance as well as why condominium owners should become active in their condo associations. Panelists spoke of options that are available to avoid foreclosure including short sales, deed in lieu and refinancing—and that housing counseling is free—to anyone no matter their income level. And, individuals should always seek HUD-approved housing counseling agencies.



In Baltimore, participants engaged in robust dialogue regarding the President’s refinancing proposals; identifying solution-focused recommendations. Those attending agree that increasing funding for housing counseling, linking energy- efficiency to foreclosure prevention, and identifying specific strategies to address the unique of seniors both foreclosure prevention and intervention would be a few positive forward-moving tactics. The roundtable concluded by all enthusiastically agreed to continuing meeting to further discuss challenges, opportunities and best practices that can respond to the foreclosure challenges experienced by Baltimore City residents.

So, what can each and every one of us do to help? Learn what is available to homeowners.

1. Homeowners with government backed mortgages who refinance can save on average \$3,000 a year. More than a million have filed applications to date—and with reductions in fees—more are anticipated. To learn the various options, visit hud.gov.
2. Homeowners with loans from Ally/GMAC, Bank of America, Citi, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo may be entitled to a cash payment of \$1,000 or more, a reduction in their loan amount or a cut in their interest rate. Visit nationalmortgagesettlement.com to learn if you or someone you know qualifies.
3. There are proposals to provide mortgage relief to the millions of responsible homeowners that can't take advantage of historically low interest rates. To learn more, visit whitehouse.gov/refi.

Let's continue to do what we can to help the families that haven't walked away from their obligation.

Jane C.W. Vincent, Region III Regional Administrator

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The new **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program** is a central part of the Department's rental housing preservation strategy, which works to preserve the nation's stock of deeply affordable rental housing, promote efficiency within and among HUD guidelines, and build strong, stable communities. For more information about the RAD Notice, application materials and additional resources, visit www.hud.gov/rad. The Initial Application period will run from Sept. 24 to Oct. 24, 2012.

On Sept. 10, the **National Alliance to End Homelessness** will host a webinar on implementing coordinated assessment under the new [Interim Continuum of Care rule](#). The webinar will define coordinated assessment and discuss key aspects for communities to consider as they move toward implementation, including tips on remaining compliant with the regulation and general best practices. The Alliance will also highlight resources available to communities as they embark on the implementation process. Click [here](#) to register.

HUD has released the [General Section](#) to its **FY2013 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs)** for Discretionary Funding (program NOFA). Potential applicants for HUD's fiscal year 2013 competitive funding may want to become familiar with the General Section in advance of publication of the individual FY2013 program NOFAs.

An estimated 1.6 million children and youth (ages 12-17) experience homelessness each year without a parent or guardian. They leave home for many reasons—severe family conflict, parental abuse or neglect, parental mental health issues or substance abuse. On Sept. 7, a free webinar to preview the upcoming report "**Alone Without a Home: A State-by-State Review of Laws Affecting Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**" will be hosted by the [National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty](#). To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

Join Governors Bob McDonnell (VA), Martin O'Malley (MD), Earl Ray Tomblin (WV), Vincent Gray (DC), on Sept. 29 for [A Day to Serve](#), a regional collaboration of the faith and non-profit community, food banks and engaged citizens to collect food donations and assist those in need.

Energy-efficient manufactured homes can save consumers an estimated \$4.6 billion in energy costs over the next 20 years according to a study by the [American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy \(ACEEE\)](#). [Mobilizing Energy Efficiency in the Manufactured Housing Sector](#) highlights the economic benefits of energy savings for the 17 million people living in manufactured homes and offers the first comprehensive analysis of the potential for energy efficiency improvements to both new and existing manufactured homes.

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development is offering a series of **webinars, Understanding HUD Environmental Reviews: Evaluating Site Contamination for HUD Projects**, to make it easier to comply with the environmental review requirements.

The following topics are on the schedule:

- Sept. 5 – Habitat (Endangered Species, Farmlands, and Wild and Scenic Rivers);
- Sept. 12 – Historic Preservation;
- Sept. 19 – National Environmental Policy Act;
- Sept. 26 – Water Resources (Wetlands, Floodplains, Coastal Barriers Resources Act, Coastal Zone Management Act);
- Oct. 3 – Basics of Part 58.

You may register for the entire series by clicking [here](#).

HUD released the Grant Inventory Worksheets to Continuums of Care (CoCs), starting the FY 2012 CoC Program Registration process. CoCs that have not received their worksheets should contact their local [HUD CPD Field Office](#) to ask about the status. You may also submit policy questions about implementing the CoC Program to the [CoC Program Virtual Help Desk](#). Technical questions about the CoC Competition in e-snaps may be submitted to the [e-snaps CoC Competition Virtual Help Desk](#)

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Comments are due on HUD's interim rule for the new consolidated Continuum of Care (CoC) program by Oct. 1. The interim rule which implements changes made by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, consolidates HUD's competitive homelessness assistance grant programs into one new Continuum of Care (CoC) program. You can find it posted on HUD's [Homeless Resources Exchange](#) website, or in the [July 31 Federal Register](#).

AROUND THE REGION



DELAWARE

WHA Opens First Smoke Free Complex

On Aug. 17, the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) hosted a standing-room only crowd at the grand re-opening of the 24-unit Kennedy Apartments. The \$1.5 million renovation received substantial support through HUD Capital Funds and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The development is WHA's first totally "smoke free" building. To maintain air quality, all residents are required to sign non-smoking lease addendums. Residents are also required to participate in family self-sufficiency programs that focus on preparing them for homeownership. HUD Region III Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent and Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children's Timothy Cox spoke convincingly about the potential health issues caused by smoking and secondhand smoke. The Mayor of Wilmington and the Executive Director of the WHA both spoke about the historic background of the Kennedy Apartments and the surrounding neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 8** – First-time Homebuyer Workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hockessin Community Center, 1204 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE. For more information, contact Shenise Ferrell at 302-239-2363 or sferrell.hockessincc@verizon.net.
- **Sept. 14** – Delaware National Association of Housing and Rehabilitation Officials (NAHRO)'s Annual Conference, Dover Downs Conference Center. U.S. Senator Chris Coons will be the featured speaker; HUD Region III Administrator, Jane C.W. Vincent and the Director of the Delaware State Housing Authority will discuss "Trends in Affordable Housing." For more information, contact Paula Sims at 302-738-0915.
- **Sept. 18** – Foreclosure Prevention Workshop – Consumer Credit Counseling Service of MD and DE – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Woodlawn Library – 2020 West 9th Street – Wilmington, Delaware. For more information, contact Nichelle Nusum at 410-747-2050, ext. 2004 or at www.cccs-inc.org.
- **Sept. 19 & 20** – Maurice Jones, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will serve as the keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania-Delaware Affordable Housing Management Association's fall event. Understanding and Dealing with Hoarding in Multifamily Projects, Reasonable Accommodations "Share the Wealth" and Dealing with Criminal Activity will be among the topics covered. Registration can be completed online at: <http://www.penndelaha.org/FMC2012/FMC12-registration.asp>.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1,000 Homes for 1,000 Homeless Virginians

Over the past year, the [Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) (OPEH) and others in our community have been invited to join the 100,000 Homes Campaign, a national movement to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country's most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families. This collaborative opportunity provides another way to help achieve Fairfax County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Coordinated by Community Solutions, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending homelessness, 100,000 Homes Campaign provides communities with valuable resources and connects them to like-minded advocates across the country. Utilizing these tools and strategies, the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness is leading an effort called the 1,000 Homes for 1,000 Homeless Virginians. In addition to setting local goals of how many individuals to house per year in the Fairfax-Falls Church community, being a part of the 1,000 Homes campaign will help develop streamlined processes, set priorities and identify the most medically vulnerable homeless. To learn more or to join the collaboration, visit the [1,000 Homes for 1,000 Virginians](#) website or email [Debbie Scaggs](#) with OPEH.

Let the Affordable Housing Campaign Begin!

The [Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers](#), [Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development](#) and [Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance](#) have received a \$50,000 [United Way Affordable Housing grant](#) to develop and implement a coordinated low-cost, high-impact communications campaign advocating for affordable housing throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.



HOME-funded Housing Opportunity Funds Renovation in Alexandria

On Aug. 28, Community Lodgings, Inc. (CLI) will celebrate the kick-off of a major renovation of its property at 612 Notabene Drive. The City of Alexandria provided a \$300,000 loan to CLI in support of this renovation. CLI is working with Pulte Homes and HomeAid Northern Virginia to complete the renovations which include new windows and doors, HVAC system replacement, an electrical and plumbing upgrade, a new roof, bathroom and kitchen upgrades (including new appliances, fixtures, and cabinets), common area updates and new flooring. HomeAid builds and renovates homeless shelters, transitional houses, food banks, medical clinics, counseling centers, and other facilities that help homeless people gain stability and a roof over their heads.

CLI is a local non-profit organization, established in 1987, to preserve affordable housing, provide transitional housing for the homeless, and help families become self-sufficient through counseling and supportive services programs. CLI currently operates 14 units of transitional shelter for the homeless and 30 units of affordable housing.

Photo: Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, Michael J. Scheurer, President of HomeAid Northern Virginia, and Bonnie Baxley, Executive Director of CLI at the Notabene Drive celebration.

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 17** – Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness is hosting a Fairfax workshop on rapid re-housing for domestic violence providers. No cost to attend, [register here](#).
- **Sept. 19-21** – Corporation For Enterprise Development will host an Assets Learning Conference, bringing more than 1,000 participants from community groups, nonprofits, foundations, businesses, financial and educational institutions and government to learn how others across the country are helping low-income families and communities build assets and financial success. This year's conference - "Ideas into Action" - will take place in Washington, DC. To register, click [here](#).



MARYLAND

Union Rowe Renovation Increases Energy Efficiency—Residents Save \$'s

The recent renovations at Union Rowe, 72 affordable units in West Baltimore, have improved the property's energy performance by 40 percent. AHC Greater Baltimore installed Energy Star appliances, new energy efficient water heaters and HVAC systems, all new windows with Low E glass (which controls the heat transfer through window panes) and other energy improvement methods to reduce the amount of water, gas and electricity used, resulting in a significant savings for residents. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development granted \$180,000 for the energy improvements through its Multifamily Energy Efficient Housing Assistance (MEEHA) Program. The property recently held an opening at the site. For information, contact: www.ahcinc.org

DHCD Funding Homeless Shelter for Female Veterans in Western Maryland

Work is beginning on the conversion of a former downtown office building into a shelter for homeless veterans, particularly women who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. The 27-bed Way Station Welcome Home Veterans project, made possible through a \$900,000 grant from [Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](http://www.dhcd.org), will treat veterans with mental illness, substance abuse problems and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The office building previously was used by an affiliate of Way Station Inc., the nonprofit mental health organization with facilities in Carroll, Frederick, Howard and Washington counties. Funding for the \$3.3 million project included the grant from DHCD's Shelter and Transitional Housing and Facilities Grant Program and support from the Maryland Department of Mental Health and the U.S. Veterans Administration. The project comes amid growing concern about the difficulties - emotional and financial - that returning veterans face in Maryland and throughout the country. Female veterans make up about eight percent of all veterans nationwide, compared to four percent in 1990, the Associated Press reported last spring. There are an estimated 3,200 homeless female veterans across the country, many with young children and many suffering the same stresses from serving in a frontless combat zone as their male counterparts.

Baltimore Housing's Development Wins Housing Achievement Award

Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul T. Graziano recently announced that Broadway Homes received the 2012 Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) Innovation Award. HAND presents awards each year to recognize best practices in affordable housing projects, programs and organizations in the greater Washington region. In this one of a kind undertaking, HABC procured Homes for America, a non-profit housing corporation, to acquire, renovate and manage 58 homes. The goal of the Broadway Homes Project was to create a variety of public housing opportunities throughout the Baltimore region for low-income families. The properties are located in stable, attractive, neighborhoods in Baltimore City and neighboring Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties with good access to transportation and high quality schools. The Broadway Homes Project was completed in 2011. All of the single-family detached and attached energy efficient homes serve former residents of the Baltimore City public housing program. For more information, visit cphabaltimore.org.



Deputy Secretary Jones Tours Baltimore

During a recent visit to the Maryland Field Office in Baltimore, HUD's Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones toured a number of the city's multifamily communities and recently completed homeownership developments. He visited with Zaire Boyd, Resident Leader and the Resident Council of Pedestal Gardens (pictured here with Carol Payne and Deputy Secretary Jones) and explored Bakers View, a neighborhood developed by the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin's & Congressman Steny Hoyer's Foreclosure Prevention Workshop

College of Southern Maryland, BL Building, 8730 Mitchell Road, LaPlata, Maryland 20646

Hosted by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, online registration is available until Sept. 21 at www.mdhope.org. To pre-register for a free legal consult with an attorney, call the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland at 1-800-396-1274, x3053.

PENNSYLVANIA – EASTERN REGION

HUD Approves \$1.5 Million Loan Guarantee to Reading

Financing to Support Downtown Arts District

HUD approved a \$1.5 million loan guarantee to the City of Reading to assist with converting several properties within the Downtown Arts District into mixed-use developments consisting of retail space and housing for low- and moderate-income persons. HUD's loan guarantee, along with the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grant in the amount of \$750,000, will assist in the creation of 25 low-and moderate-income rental units; seven (7) low- and moderate-income homeownership units, and 20,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. In addition, the project will result in the creation of 28 full-time equivalent jobs.

HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program enables local governments to borrow money from private investors at reduced interest rates to promote economic development, stimulate job growth and improve public facilities. Such public investment is often needed to inspire private contributions, to provide seed money, or to simply boost confidence that many private firms and individuals need to invest in distressed areas.

The BEDI is a key competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development. BEDI is designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination. The City of Reading requested HUD's loan guarantee to revitalize the distressed areas surrounding GoggleWorks I and GoggleWorks II, which are multi-purpose arts centers that were financed in part with previous Section 108 funds and BEDI grant funds.

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 7-9:** Philadelphia Stand Down 2012, Government Services building, 7321 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA 19055. Serving veterans from the five counties in the Delaware Valley since 1994, Stand Down's goal is to provide veterans with resources to help them become self-sufficient and with the necessary tools for continued success. Emphasis is placed on helping homeless veterans, but any veteran needing assistance is welcome. For information, call 267-560-5011.
- **Sept. 12,** 10 a.m. Columbus Property Management Housing Group's Grant Announcement, City Hall in Conversation Hall, Philadelphia, PA. Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter and Region III Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent will announce a \$3 million grant award to the Mission First Housing Development Corporation through HUD's Office of Affordable Housing and Preservation and the Energy Innovation Fund-Multifamily Pilot Program.
- **Sept. 26,** 1 p.m. Point Breeze Ribbon Cutting, 1600 block of Federal Street, Philadelphia, PA. Community Ventures (CV), a non-profit housing developer that works with local neighborhood organizations to plan housing development and neighborhood improvement projects, worked with South Philadelphia H.O.M.E.S. to plan new housing in the Point Breeze area. Called "17 & Federal" by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the development is funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and includes the new construction of eleven houses. All will exceed Energy Star standards and will include advanced features, such as dual-flush toilets and energy recovery ventilators.



PENNSYLVANIA – WESTERN REGION

Homelessness: Another Kind of Battlefield HUD Pittsburgh joins “STAND DOWN 2012”

For the fifth straight year, VA Pittsburgh co-hosted a Stand Down for current and formerly homeless veterans and their families. "Stand Down" is a military term referring to fresh troops taking care of exhausted combat troops by moving them to a safe and secure place. In Stand Down, soldiers recuperate to help them face future challenges.

Held on Aug. 11 at the Shepherd's Heart Fellowship in Pittsburgh, more than 300 veterans participated in the event, which provided breakfast, lunch, haircuts, live music and other entertainment. More importantly, Stand Down provided a link to resources and services in hopes of ending homelessness among veterans.

HUD Pittsburgh joined forces with a cadre of concerned service providers that included Veterans Leadership Program, Operation Safety Net, CareerLink, VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, amongst others. A circle of care and compassion was drawn around the homeless veterans present, while an atmosphere of respect and near reverence pervaded among the many service providers. "This was our duty," noted Jane Miller, HUD Pittsburgh Field Office Director as she counseled an attendee. "They had already done theirs."



Silent Gratitude is Not Enough

HUD-VASH Continues to Honor Veterans for Their Service

Veteran Danielle Johnson never thought she would be homeless, nor did she think the HUD-VASH program in Erie, PA would help her in so many ways. Not only did the program help her find safe and affordable housing so she could focus on looking for a job, she actually received several leads from her counselors, ultimately advancing her career as a commercial photographer. Many heard Danielle's personal story as HUD orchestrated a powerful and compelling HUD-VASH entitled "Thinking Outside of the Box: Overcoming Barriers to Housing Our Homeless Veterans" at the Oakland VA Medical Center on Aug. 13, 2012. Dan McGregor, Chair and Kelly Hicks, Executive Director of the Indiana Housing Authority along with veteran service providers, community partners and external stakeholders joined forces to examine HUD-VASH successes and challenges.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh University Center for Social and Urban Research Brown Bag Urban Research Seminar Series, Sustainable Social Housing: A Comparison of Experience in the U.S. and UK

3343 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Brian Jacobs, PhD, Emeritas Professor in Community Regeneration, Staffordshire University, UK, and Len Gibbs, CEO of [Empowering People Inspiring Communities \(EPIC\)](#), Stoke-on-Trent, UK will compare and contrast policies and strategies in the U.S. and UK related to housing, community engagement, and urban change issues. For more info visit [Brown Bag Seminars](#). RSVP: pncis@pitt.edu

Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HUD Pittsburgh Field Office Capacity Building & Resource Development Workshop

Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, 8406 Sharon Mercer Road, Mercer, PA 16137

Learn how to become more competitive for federal, state and local grant funds, and develop the organizational structure necessary to secure funding. Also learn about corporate and foundation sources. For more information, please call Cindy Haines at 412-644-5855 or Cynthia.I.haines@hud.gov.

Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free Homebuyer Class

Butler Housing Authority, 114 Woody Drive, Butler, PA 16001

To register for the class, please call 724-287-6797

Sept. 21, 3 – 9 p.m. & Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHANCE Home Preservation, Mortgage Assistance & Foreclosure Prevention Event

David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Having Trouble Paying Your Mortgage? Need To Lower Your Interest Rate? Meet one on one with your lender. Please bring your two most recent pay stubs, documents of unemployment or other income; last two years of W-2s and tax returns; last mortgage statement, last two bank statements, list of monthly expenses, letter from your lender, photo identification and Social Security number. For more information contact: opportunityprograms@gmail.com.

Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE 11th Annual .GOV Federal Career Day

Pittsburgh, PA. Registration will be available soon in [TartanTRAK](#).

VIRGINIA

Virginia “Urgent Needs” Receive Funding

Governor Bob McDonnell announced more than \$1.3 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding through the Urgent Needs Open Submission program and the Community Economic Development program for Louisa and Southampton counties. Louisa County’s grant for \$622,000 is for the rehabilitation and replacement of homes severely damaged by the August 2011 earthquake. Southampton County received \$700,000 to support the construction of a wood pellet manufacturing center. This project is expected to directly create at least 64 new full-time jobs.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/News/viewRelease.cfm?id=1373>

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 7** – Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness is hosting a Webinar: “New HEARTH Act Regulations.” [For more information and to register click here](#).
- **Sept. 11-12** – [vaACCSES](#) is hosting a Hampton workshop on SSI/SSDI & Work Incentives. For more information contact [Marilyn Morrison](#), 571-339-1305. To register, click [here](#).
- **Sept. 12** – The Federal Reserve of Richmond, HHS Administration for Children and Families, Presbyterian Homes and Family Services and the Family Alliance are hosting “Economic Inclusion: New Pathways to Financial Stability.” No charge to attend, but [registration](#) is required.
- **Sept. 13** – Summit on Employment for people Experiencing Homelessness, hosted by the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness. The event is free, but registration is required - [click here](#).
- **Sept. 19** – The disAbility Resource Center is hosting a Fredericksburg workshop on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, “Understanding the New Accessibility Requirements.” For more information and to register, contact [Shawn Lawrence](#), 540-373-2559.
- **Sept. 19** – Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness is hosting a Norfolk workshop on rapid re-housing for domestic violence providers. No cost to attend, [Register here](#).
- **Sept. 19-20** – Virginia Main Street Essentials Workshop in Marion, hosted by Virginia Main Street and [Marion Downtown Revitalization Association](#).
- **Sept. 20-21** – 13th annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Charlottesville. [Online](#) registration is now open, or download a Conference Registration Form from the [website](#).
- **Sept. 21** – [Nominations](#) are due for the 2012 Virginia Housing Awards for innovative, effective efforts that address housing needs. The awards will be presented at the [2012 Governor's Housing Conference](#), November 14-16, at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke.
- **Sept. 23-25** – 27th annual Virginia Preservation Conference in Leesburg. Registration is now open. For more information, click [here](#).

- **Sept. 24-25** – Virginia Association of Housing Counselors (VAHC) Fall Training and Certification Conference at the Virginia Housing Center in Glen Allen. Registration is now open at the [VAHC website](#).
- **Sept. 26** – EarthCraft Virginia multifamily training at the Virginia Housing Center in Glen Allen. Learn about the benefits of EarthCraft certification, find out about the process and how to market, and meet other professionals in the field. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Sept. 26** – Applications are due for Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development’s [Industrial Revitalization Fund](#), which leverages local and private resources for redevelopment of vacant and deteriorated industrial/commercial properties.
- **Sept. 27** – Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness and the National Alliance to End Homelessness are hosting a Webinar about “Shifting Transitional Housing Programs to Rapid Rehousing.” For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- **Oct. 5** – Better Housing Coalition's 2012 Golden Hammer Awards nominations are due celebrate excellence in neighborhood revitalization and historic preservation. For more information, or to submit a nomination, click [here](#).



WEST VIRGINIA

Recovery Plan to Be Developed Following Derecho

On June 29, West Virginia experienced a derecho that caused massive damage throughout the state. This widespread, long lived, straight-line windstorm and severe thunderstorms caused more than two thirds of West Virginia residents to lose their power from one to two weeks. In addition, the derecho caused major public and private infrastructural damage from electrical transmission towers, loss of businesses and homes. In July 2012, West Virginia received a Presidential Federal Disaster Declaration. According to filings with the state Public Service Commission, West Virginia’s

largest power providers spent a combined \$172 million on repairs and restoring service following the windstorm and subsequent storms that left three people dead and more than 680,000 customers without electricity.

On Aug. 9, in Charleston, West Virginia, a Joint Interagency Meeting of federal, state and private groups held a planning meeting to assist in recovery efforts associated with the derecho. The West Virginia Field Office participated in the meeting to assist in developing a strategic plan of recovery that will address residential and business economic losses, funding opportunities and supportive services.

Photo: Jimmy Gianato, West Virginia Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Dolph Diemont, FEMA, Federal Coordinating Office Evie Young-Williams, WV HUD Field Office, Senior Management Analyst Mary McKenna, FEMA, Region 3, Emergency Response Planner

Upcoming Events

Sept. 5-6

Brownfields 2012: A Piece of the Redevelopment Puzzle

2012 West Virginia Brownfields Conference, Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV

The conference program will include interactive workshops, presentations on sustainable energy, and a grant competition for the FOCUS program. For information or to register, email: patrick.kirby@mail.wvu.edu.

Sept. 17-19, 2012

West Virginia Association of Housing Agencies Fall Conference

Charleston Town Center Marriott, Charleston, WV

On Sept. 17, Region III Regional Administrator Jane C.W. Vincent will speak at the bi-annual event. For more information contact: Cindy Preast-Harrington, 304-325-9653

Sept. 17, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free training for Families

Harrison County Public Library, 404 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Topics will include: Empowering Families with Children with Special Health Care, Expected Behaviors of Safe and Supportive Schools, Reducing the Risks of Prescription Drug Abuse & Safe Storage, Smart Disposal Making a Plan – Emergency Preparedness. For questions or to register, please contact Ardella Cottrill by calling 302-376-4835 or email ardella.cottrill@yahoo.com. Requests for accommodations and deadline for registration is Sept. 11, 2012.

Sept. 19, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Effective Interventions Conference

Habitat for Humanity Community Center, 815 Court Street Charleston, WV

Presented by the Kanawha Valley Collective - Substance Abuse/Mental Health Committee, for registration information please contact: Tonya Vannatter, 304-344-8098, x3015 or tvannatter@appcouncil.com.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Ongoing – The U.S. Department of Labor is accepting applications for "[Stand Down](#)" grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program](#).

Ongoing – Applications are being accepted for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's [Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program](#) grants.

Sept. 12 – Applications are due for U.S. Department of Treasury [New Markets Tax Credit](#) program.

Sept. 14 – Applications are due for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's [Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program](#) grants.

Sept. 15 – Applications are due for Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation [Economic Literacy Program](#) grants.

Sept. 17 – Pre-applications are due for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing [Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants](#).

Sept. 20 – Applications are due for AARP Foundation/InnoCentive: Drive to End Hunger [Elimination of Food Deserts](#) grants.

Sept. 20 – Applications are due for AARP Foundation/InnoCentive: Drive to End Hunger [Sustainable Solutions](#) grants.

Sept. 28 – Applications are due for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Maryland Community Greening Grant Program. Grants of up to \$35,000 are available to help Maryland communities implement greening plans to increase tree canopy, reduce storm water runoff, improve air quality and enhance the quality of life in Maryland communities. Click [here](#) for more information on this program.

Oct. 1 – Applications are due for the [Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities Announces Round Two of Local Sustainability Matching Fund](#). Matching awards of \$25,000 to \$75,000 will be provided to build partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local place-based foundations to advance sustainability initiatives that demonstrate broad community support.

Oct. 15 – Applications are due for American Society on Aging (ASA)-MetLife Foundation [MindAlert Award](#) grants.

Oct. 30 – Applications are due for the [LeadingAge Offers Grants for Housing/Services Projects for Low-Income Elderly](#).

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to LeadingAge member organizations for projects designed to address the importance of bringing housing and services together to meet the needs of lower-income elderly.



Are you prepared? September is National Preparedness Month, an annual nationwide effort to encourage Americans to plan and prepare for emergencies. Families and individuals should plan as though they must go for at least three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or other local services. To prepare, follow these four important steps: 1) Stay Informed, 2) Make a Plan, 3) Build a Kit and 4) Get Involved. Get free information on what to do before, during and after emergencies at Ready.gov.

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