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- [HUD, HHS announce new smoke-free housing tools](#)
- [HUD announces \\$13.5M in "Sweat Equity" grants](#)
- [HUD awards \\$5M through new tenant resource network](#)

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Revitalizing Providence's Smith Hill Neighborhood



Left: HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields joined Smith Hill Community Development Corp., Dimeo Properties, Rhode Island Housing, LISC and other partners, along with Governor Lincoln Chafee, U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and U.S. Representatives James Langevin and David Cicilline to cut the ribbon on a major community revitalization and stabilization effort in the historic Smith Hill neighborhood of Providence.

Old High School Commons opens in Acton, MA



Above: Common Ground Development Corporation, Community Teamwork Inc., and Peabody Properties recently celebrated the completed renovation of Old High School Commons in Acton, MA at a Ribbon Cutting Event on July 9, 2012. Pictured cutting the ribbon on the new homes are from left: Nancy Tavernier, Steve Joncas, Pam Harting-Barrat, Joseph Flatley, Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas and Karen Frederick. The project involved the conversion of the old Acton High School into 15 units of affordable housing.

Celebrating sustainable living in Connecticut



Above: Newly completed Metro Green residences in Stamford, CT.

Check it out!

Great video featuring CT Sustainability Partnership in Bridgeport on White House Web site.

Watch it [here](#)



Above: Stamford Mayor Michael Pavia, left, and Gov. Daniel P. Malloy, right, cut the ribbon on Metro Green, a mixed-income green South End housing development that has been held up as a model of smart growth. HUD funds include \$5.6M of Tax Credit Assistance Payment funds awarded through Connecticut Housing Finance Agency and \$300,000 in HOME funds from the City of Stamford.

Partnership preserves affordable housing in Inman Square



Left: From left, MassHousing Executive Director Tom Gleason, HUD Regional Administrator Fields, Cambridge Housing Authority Executive Director Greg Russ, CEDAC Executive Director Roger Herzog, Homeowners Rehab, Inc. Chairman Harry Johnson, and Homeowners Rehab Executive Director Peter Daly all spoke at an event to mark completion of work at the Inman Square Apartments in Cambridge.

This project is the combination of two HUD-assisted projects located in the same neighborhood: Inman Square and CAST II.

HUD New England announces leadership changes

The HUD New England Region recently welcomed some new members of its leadership team and bid farewell to a couple of long-time colleagues.

Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Susan Forward was named director of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. Susan was previously the FHEO Center Director and also served as acting FHEO regional director.

Timothy Robison was named FHEO Center Director. Tim was previously the FHEO Intake Branch Chief .

Public and Indian Housing

Marilyn O'Sullivan joins HUD as the director of Public and Indian Housing. Marilyn most recently served as the Chief Officer of Leased Housing and Occupancy for the Boston Housing Authority.

Retirements—Congratulations!

Mike Lackett—New England Regional Economist in the Economic Market Analysis Division recently retired with nearly 40 years of federal service.

Tom Rodick—Deputy Director, Office of General Counsel recently retired with 35 years of federal service.

Mayor Taveras, HUD Celebrate 23 Start-Ups

City of Providence Mayor Angel Taveras, HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields and other city and federal officials recently gathered to celebrate the City's Innovation Investment Program (IIP) and the 23 New Economy start ups that received funding through an equity investment program supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



"As Providence strengthens its fiscal ground and makes moves forward on a path for progress, we need to make every effort to foster an economic climate that promotes job growth and makes use of our creative capital. The businesses that participated in the Innovation Investment Program will help create new jobs in our City," said Mayor Taveras. "More importantly, they will serve as ambassadors for other business owners and entrepreneurs who will look to Providence as a land of opportunity."

Providence used \$1 million of designated HUD funds to provide \$50,000 of seed payments to up-start, entrepreneurial ventures. In return, the City requires the businesses to headquarter in Providence, remain within the City for at least one year and create one full time position for every \$35,000 of funding. The program allows the City to take an equity investment share in startup companies with the directive that those companies create at least two, new full time positions. In total, the City's support for the IIP could create as many as 50 new jobs in emerging fields.

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HUD funds make an impact: reaching homeless youth living with HIV

HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing ensures that HUD initiatives are responsive to the special needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Through the office's [competitive grants program](#), funding is available for organizations serving this population. One of the 2011 grantees is the Justice Resource Initiative (JRI), a Boston-based non-profit organization that helps people who are homeless to access supported housing. When JRI applied for this grant, they decided to use the funding to reach a population they did not previously work with young adults.



In January 2012, JRI launched the JRI Youth Housing Initiative, which will run for three years under the HUD grant. This innovative program provides housing and support for homeless youth ages 18-25 living with HIV. In addition to assisting youth in applying for housing vouchers, JRI will conduct individualized assessments and work with the individuals to access education and career opportunities, as well as to connect them to resources ranging from mental health to financial literacy. Susan Buoncuore, Program Director at JRI, applauds HUD's grants programs, saying "These funds gave us the opportunity to fund housing and supported services for youth- we wouldn't have done it without the support of the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

At the end of the three years, JRI, like all the HUD grantees under this program, will develop an integrated HIV Housing Plan (IHHP). This document, which will include lessons learned, partners, successes, and challenges, will be made public and will serve as a tool for communities interested in starting similar programs. In this way, HUD is leveraging its funding to create an even bigger footprint on the road to ending youth homelessness.

For more information on this HUD grantee, check out [this page](#).

[Housing in America: Innovative Solutions to Address the Needs of Tomorrow \(Bar Harbor, Maine Public Forum\)](#)

Jul. 25, 2012

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[Senator George Mitchell](#)

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Co-chair, BPC [Housing Commission](#)

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader

[Barbara Fields](#)

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