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- [HUD makes available \\$61 million to six applicants to provide quality affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods](#)
- [HUD awards first Choice Neighborhood Grants](#)

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Rochester, NH: Bringing foreclosed homes back to life



Pictured above at the Rochester, NH ribbon cutting are Gregory Carson, HUD NH Field Office Director; Ted Kuchinski, Chief Financial Officer, NH CDFA; Marty Chapman, Executive Director of The Housing Partnership; Kenn Ortmann, Director, Department of Planning & Development, City of Rochester.

The Housing Partnership, a non-profit provider of affordable housing, along with state and local officials, celebrated completion of the rehabilitation of homes in a Rochester, NH neighborhood that has been wracked by foreclosures and targeted by the City for redevelopment.

A group of about forty people celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony at 65 Lafayette Street, one of five homes in the Cold Spring Park neighborhood rehabilitated with funds from HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), a program designed to revitalize neighborhoods in decline due to foreclosure, abandonment and blight.

In 2009, the City of Rochester received \$2.5 million and was one of five cities in the Granite State to share \$18.5 million received by the state under the federal program. NSP is run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA).

Due to its track record in developing and managing affordable housing, The Housing

Partnership was chosen by the City of Rochester to use the funds to redevelop five properties in the neighborhood, which had suffered a disproportionate number of foreclosed properties.

The four other properties - all of which will be completed this spring - are located on Pine Street, Chestnut Street and Brochu Court.

"We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish working with the city and our funding partners to bring these homes back onto the property tax rolls as attractive, affordable housing for deserving families in this community," said Marty Chapman, Executive Director of The Housing Partnership. He added, "I have no doubt that when the homes are occupied again, others will be encouraged to live here, raising owner-occupancy rates and moving the neighborhood towards stability."

A little more than a year ago a groundbreaking was held at the Lafayette Street address to mark the beginning of construction. At that time, paint was peeling, the property had been vacant for more than a year, and it was in a severe state of decline. Today, the group reconvened to tour the finished product. The property, like all properties in the project, has been rehabilitated to the latest construction and

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DREAMing big at Putnam Gardens, Cambridge Housing Authority



The Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) has partnered with The DREAM Program, Inc. to launch a youth mentoring program in CHA's Putnam Gardens Apartments in the City's Riverside neighborhood. CHA and DREAM hope the program will create positive, sustainable change for children living in the 119-unit development.

The DREAM program- Directing through Recreation, Education, Adventure, and Mentoring- is a long-term mentoring program, that matches dedicated mentors from local colleges and universities with children living in low-income housing developments. Unlike typical mentoring programs where mentors are matched with individual children, DREAM's "Village Mentoring" model blends both one-to-one and group mentoring. This helps create positive peer groups within the community to help children withstand negative peer pressures and

make healthy decisions.

Additionally, by interacting with a large group of local college students, the children have access to a continuously growing network of individuals working to support their future success. DREAM mentors commit to stay with their mentees for the duration of their time in college. This means that each mentor is pledging to provide each child with a stable, consistent relationship, lasting three to four years.

DREAM provides college students with an opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact in children's lives, and provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore a college campus with a positive college age role model.



I Believe In HUD

HUD employees and stakeholders are in the business of improving lives. We believe that no one deserves to live on the streets... that people should be able to afford a place to live close to work... and that a child's life outcomes should not be determined by the zip code they grow up in. HUD believes in people.

Secretary Donovan started a conversation with HUD employees about why they believe in the work they do and why they are passionate about HUD's mission. Now we want to hear from you, our external stakeholders, partners, and the people who HUD helps. Briefly tell us about yourself and your organization, how HUD programs affect you and the people you serve. And then tell us why you believe in HUD.

Send us a 60 second YouTube video or email us at ibelieve@hud.gov. And then tell us why you believe in HUD. We look forward to hearing from you!

Help for Homeowners Community Event

April 28, 2011, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Free opportunity for homeowners in need of help with their mortgage to meet one-on-one with their mortgage lender or a HUD-approved housing counselor. Homeowners can find out if they qualify for the Obama Administration's Making Home Affordable Program or other options from their lender.

Event Location:

John B. Hynes Convention Center
900 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02115

Additional Information:

[Help for Homeowners Community Event—Boston, MA](#)

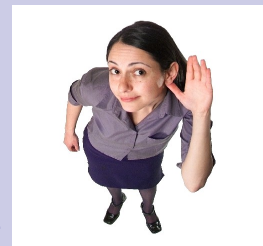
Rochester, NH NSP (Cont. from pg. 1)

energy efficient standards, with modern amenities, including new kitchens and bathrooms, and high efficiency heating systems.

Gregory Carson, Field Office Director for HUD, said he was impressed at how the various parties involved in the project came together to make the project happen and is pleased with the outcome. "These newly rehabilitated properties should have a cascading effect on revitalizing this neighborhood."

Ted Kuchinski, Chief Financial Officer of the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority added, "This project represents exactly what the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is supposed to do."

HUD's Listening! CDBG, HOME, NSP Grantee Listening Session



HUD's New England Office of Community Planning and Development invites CDBG, HOME and NSP grantee staff in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to join CPD Director Robert Shumeyko and other HUD staff for the **first in a series of "CPD Grantee Listening Sessions" throughout New England!**

The session will include brief presentations on key programmatic issues as well as a roundtable discussion about all things important to you, the grantee! All grantee staff are invited, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Rocio Sanchez-Moyano at Rocio.Sanchez-Moyano@hud.gov or 617-994-8424.

Date: April 28, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Event Location: Norris Cotton Federal Building
274 Chestnut Street, 4th Floor
Manchester, NH 03101

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Live Free Campaign

Left, HUD launched a national media campaign for Fair Housing Month. The [Live Free Campaign](#) will assist in HUD's efforts to educate the public and housing providers about their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

Live Free—Fair Housing Month celebrated in Providence



John Trasviña, HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity delivers the keynote address at the Region 1 Fair Housing Month event in Providence, Rhode Island. The event, co-hosted by HUD and the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights was attended by more than 80 people from across the region and included updates from HUD staff on the latest issues affecting fair housing, as well as discussions by local and state government officials on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

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HUD Focus — Laura, first-time homebuyer, Warwick, RI



Editor's Note: This is the third in a series that will focus on the impact that HUD funded programs have on people's lives. This article focuses on HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding.

Laura needed to find a bigger place to live for her family. She was a single mom with two children, working full-time and just assumed that she could not afford a house. But as she looked for a bigger apartment to rent for her family and the costs associated with it she started to realize that perhaps she could afford to own her own home--something she'd previously given up on as completely out of reach. Laura did some research and found that Rhode Island Housing is a mortgage provider. She met with Anne Palmisciano of RI Housing and as Laura says, "she was a tremendous resource; providing me with information, support, and assistance along the way." Laura took some of the homebuying classes offered by RI housing which were required in order to qualify for a grant.

"Buying a home is frustrating and time consuming, but with Anne, I always felt that someone had my back and wasn't just giving me a mortgage--she was also watching out for me. This is the first home I've ever owned. It's a beautiful gambrel, in a really nice neighborhood, and it's the kind of home I used to dream of living in when I was a kid. Now how lucky is that!"

Laura said that owning her new

home allows her to finally provide her children with the kind of stability that she grew up with.

"A place they can live in and know they can come back to for the rest of their lives. This is the kind of feeling you can't get when you rent, it just doesn't exist. Here, they have a sense of place--this is theirs and will always be a place of shelter and comfort for them, and someday their families."

"I was fortunate to be the first person to receive a Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant. Since I bought a foreclosure that needed some work, I needed that money to help me get it done. I received \$22K for that and was able to roll the additional work into my mortgage to make all of this affordable on my income."

NOFA News

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- [Fair Housing Initiatives Program \(FHIP\) Fair Housing Initiatives Program Enforcement Testing Technical Assistance \(TA\)](#)
- [FY 2010 Transformation Initiative: Homeless Families Demonstration Small Grant Research Program](#)
- [FY 2010 NOFA: Section 811 Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities](#)