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- [HUD announces \\$108M in Indian Housing Block grants](#)
- [FHA takes additional steps to bolster Capital reserves](#)
- [HUD makes \\$95M in grants available to help low-income families receive job training, gain employment](#)

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## New Britain receives \$4 Million to build adult education center



**Left:** New Britain Mayor Tim O'Brien and New Britain Public Housing executive director Lisa Royce and local officials receive a \$4 million check from Congressman Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Barbara Fields, HUD Regional Administrator.

The Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities grant will be used by the New Britain Housing Authority to build a new 18,000 square-foot community center to provide adult education, job training and placement for residents at Mount Pleasant and Oval Grove public housing developments.

[New Britain CFCE](#)

## Vermont receives HUD funding to assist with disaster recovery



RA Fields and Burlington Field Office Director Mike McNamara recently met with Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin and other state officials to discuss HUD's recent \$21.6 million disaster related award to assist Vermont with its long-term recovery from Tropical Storm Irene.

## HUD employees celebrate Black History Month

**Right:** Regional Administrator Barbara Fields and Toni Lewis, Labor Relations Office, joined other HUD employees to read to students at the Winthrop Elementary School in Boston, located in one of HUD's "Choice Neighborhoods."

As part of Black History Month HUD employees volunteered to read books about famous African Americans to kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students at the school.

HUD Volunteers included:

Toni Lewis, Labor Relations  
 Norma Hernandez, Fair Housing  
 Linda Katz, Legal  
 Cedric White, Labor Relations  
 Maura O'Brien, Public Housing  
 Martha Curran, Community Planning  
 Hersh Goldman, Public Housing  
 Juanita Upshaw, Office of Multi Family  
 Lauren Willhoite, Fair Housing  
 Ron Armstead, Field Policy, Management



## HUD rolls out proposed FY 2013 budget

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan unveiled HUD's fiscal year 2013 budget proposal. Titled *Housing and Communities Built to Last*, the budget reflects the President's vision of an America that can draw strength from vibrant communities and momentum from a robust housing market. [Read HUD's proposed FY 2013 budget.](#)

Key highlights of the budget:

Maintains housing for all families currently receiving HUD assistance;

Serve almost 2.5 million families living in public housing and Section 8 developments (over 60% elderly and disabled);

Supports tenant-based vouchers for more than 2.2 million families (over 45% elderly and disabled);

Provides 10,000 new vouchers to homeless and funds 5,300 more supportive housing units for the elderly and disabled;

Enables FHA and Ginnie Mae to continue crucial, temporary countercyclical role, with 1.2 million single family mortgages expected in 2013 and \$239 billion in new GNMA guarantees.

*"As the President made clear in his State of the Union address, this is a make or break moment for the middle class – both for those who are in it and for those who aspire to it.*

*What's at stake is the survival of the basic American promise – the idea that if you work hard, you can do well enough to raise a family, own a home in a strong, affordable neighborhood, and put a little away for retirement. This budget request reflects the President's vision, but also reflects the reality that robust growth requires tough choices – doing more with less and holding ourselves accountable for results."*

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan

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## HUD Assistant Secretary Márquez visits Massachusetts



**Left:** HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Mercedes Márquez, recently spoke to more than 250 public, non-profit and private leaders hosted by The Boston Foundation at The Home Funders Forum.

Pictured at left are: Deborah Goddard, MA Department of Housing and Community Development; Beth Smith, Hyams Foundation; Geeta Pradhan, The Boston Foundation and Chair, Home Funders Collaborative; Assistant Secretary Márquez; Soni Gupta, Home Funders Collaborative.

**Below:** Assistant Secretary Márquez participated in a roundtable discussion with Newton Mayor Setti Warren on the importance of CDBG funding to the City of Newton. Meeting at the local YMCA, Secretary Márquez heard first-hand from residents how CDBG funding has impacted their lives through child care provided at the YMCA, elder and health care services and jobs created for local small businesses.

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## Mayor Menino kicks off Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative

Regional Administrator Fields joined Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Curt Spaulding, EPA Regional Administrator and other officials to kick off the Fairmount Indigo Line Planning Initiative at a celebration at the Strand Theatre in Upham's Corner. The two year Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) study will look at short and long term strategies for improving capital investment and job access along the 9.2 mile Fairmount Indigo commuter rail line, which links South Station to Readville, crossing through Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

The Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative is the BRA's largest planning study to date. It will impact 190,000 residents, or nearly one third of Boston's population, who live within a half-mile of the commuter rail line. The study will identify corridor wide opportunities for commercial and residential development, transit access, public realm enhancements, and community building initiatives.

The Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative received funding from the Boston Foundation, the Garfield Foundation, and the BRA. These funds complement the two awards HUD made to Boston in 2011, a \$20 million Choice Neighborhood grant and a \$1.8 million Community Challenge grant. These monies will support investments in affordable housing, community programs, and mixed-use and transit oriented development.



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## Stimulus funds make a difference in Brockton homeless efforts



At a press conference hosted by Brockton Mayor Linda Balzotti, state and local officials joined together to celebrate the city's efforts to end homelessness. Utilizing the \$585,000 in Recovery Act Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funding, Brockton has made significant progress in the fight to prevent and end homelessness. Pictured from left: Brockton Councilor-at-large Jass Stewart; John Yazwinski, Father Bills & MainSpring; Thomas Todd, formerly homeless HPRP participant; Dennis Carman, United Way of Greater Plymouth County; Mayor Balzotti; RA Fields; Vanessa Tierney, BAMS; Massachusetts State Representative Mike Brady; Arthur Jemison, Deputy Undersecretary MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development.

## \$25 Billion Mortgage Settlement Agreement Reached

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Colorado Attorney General John W. Suthers recently announced that the federal government and 49 state attorneys general have reached a landmark \$25 billion agreement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers to address mortgage loan servicing and foreclosure abuses. The agreement provides substantial financial relief to homeowners and establishes significant new homeowner protections for the future.

The unprecedented joint agreement is the largest federal-state civil settlement ever obtained and is the result of extensive investigations by federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, HUD and the HUD Office of the Inspector General (HUD-OIG), and state attorneys general and state banking regulators across the country. The joint federal-state group entered into the agreement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers: Bank of America Corporation, JPMor-

gan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Company, Citigroup Inc., and Ally Financial Inc. (formerly GMAC). Read More about the [Mortgage Servicing Settlement](#).

### In the News

- [HUD Awards \\$7.5M to Fight Housing Discrimination](#)
- [FHA announces pilot program to accelerate financing of low-income housing tax credit projects](#)
- [HUD awards nearly \\$1.8 Billion to improve, preserve nation's public housing stock](#)