



## ATLANTA REGION HUD LINES



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*E-Briefs from the Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

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Welcome to **HUD LINES** - a quarterly newsletter about HUD information in the Southeast and Caribbean Region - Region IV. For further information about programs in this issue or other HUD Programs visit the links listed or go to [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov). **Bob Young, HUD Atlanta Regional Director**



### **FAIR HOUSING; IT'S NOT AN OPTION; IT'S THE LAW**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and handicap/disability. April 2007 is the 39th annual celebration of Fair Housing Month and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is asking for your help in increasing community awareness regarding its fair housing rights. **[Join our campaign and help spread the word!](#)**

### **JOIN THE NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION**

*America's Affordable Communities Initiative*

America needs housing for its workforce. [America's Affordable Communities Initiative](#) presents 2007 Workforce Housing Southeast Regional Conference. Join HUD in the search for solutions. **[Save the date:](#)** June 20, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky. There is no registration fee but space is limited. If you would like to receive more information please send an email to [workforceconf@hud.gov](mailto:workforceconf@hud.gov).

### **FUNDS AVAILABLE – APPLY NOW!**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to update their registration to avoid a last minute crush! HUD's Fiscal Year 2007 "SuperNOFA," a notice that makes available approximately \$2.4 billion in funding through 38 individual grant programs. This year's Super NOFA will continue the Department's push toward requiring nearly all grant applications to be submitted electronically. Applicants seeking funding through HUD's Continuum of Care homeless assistance programs will not be required to submit their applications electronically. Visit HUD's website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) to read more about available [funds and deadlines for specific programs](#), as well as registration process.

### **INCOME LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007**

HUD has just released the estimated median family income and [income limits for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2007](#). The estimates are based on OMB Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), and cover 530 metropolitan areas and 2,045 non-metropolitan areas in the U.S. and its territories. HUD's median income estimates are used as the basis for [income limits](#) in several HUD programs (including the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, CDBG, and HOME programs), as well as in programs run by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Treasury (Low Income Housing Tax Credits), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Government Sponsored Enterprises.

### **PUBLIC HOUSING LATEST NOTICES!**

Heard something about the latest appeal process? Here is the information. This notice provides guidance to public housing agencies (PHAs) and field offices on the grounds for appeals and the procedures for submitting appeals under the final rule. **[Appeals to revisions to operating fund](#)**

## **HOMELESS STUDIES AND STRATEGY**

The first *Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress* is the result of a complex, four-year project to develop, collect, and analyze standardized information on homeless persons from a nationally representative sample of communities. HUD is devoting extensive technical assistance resources to helping localities improve methods of collecting this data, making it possible to develop increasingly accurate information on who are the homeless in America. Read here the [Annual homeless assessment report to Congress](#)

## **PRESERVE AMERICA: JOIN NOW**

In an effort to promote the Preserve America initiative and preserve historic communities, HUD has partnered with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, other federal agencies, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. First Lady Laura Bush is the honorary chair of Preserve America. To date, 458 communities have been designated as *Preserve America* communities. "Preserve America Communities, neighborhoods, and grant recipients know the importance of historic preservation to the economic, educational, esthetic, and cultural life of America, as well as to their residents, their visitors, and especially to their children," said HUD Regional Director Bob Young. [Learn more about HUD's involvement and upcoming events](#)

## **ENERGY IN YOUR MIND?**

Energy and other utilities make up an increasing share of building operating and maintenance costs. Beginning April 12, 2007 HUD is pleased to offer four live satellite broadcasts, which can be viewed via webcast on energy efficient building management, housing rehabilitation and new construction. Additional broadcasts are scheduled for May 17, June 14, and September 13. All sessions will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm EST. [Register](#) now! You can find more information. [Read more](#) on how to become an energy efficiency catalyst.

## **REMINDER - JUNE IS NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH**

For Information about FHA go to [www.fha.gov](http://www.fha.gov) or call 1-800-CALL FHA.