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Applications for ConnectHomeUSA (CHUSA) have been extended to **April 12th.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing released a <u>notice</u> expanding CHUSA eligibility for Continuum of Care (CoC) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees.

Applicants for CHUSA are for Tier 1 (introductory level) and Tier 2 for existing, or prior, CHUSA communities. CHUSA is hoping to accept 50-100 new communities for tier 1.

What is ConnectHomeUSA (CHUSA)?

CHUSA is a digital inclusion program that aims to **accelerate and expand broadband internet access to HUD-assisted housing residents**, while also equipping them with digital literacy and educational content. CHUSA has helped equip tens of thousands of HUD-assisted residents with access to affordable in-home internet service. For more information on CHUSA, please click <u>here</u>.

Why should you apply to join?

Tier 1: If you've noticed a digital divide in your community and you've been wanting to solve it but are unsure how to begin. Tier 1 introductory level will help with helping you put in place key components that are necessary for building a comprehensive digital inclusion program.

Tier 2: If you want to build on your existing CHUSA efforts, continue to have access to existing and future CHUSA stakeholders, the CHUSA community of practice, and HUD support, you'll want to apply to join as a Tier 2 community.

How to join?

To join, interested stakeholders should submit a **Letter of Intent** to join ConnectHomeUSA. For assistance with preparing a Letter of Intent, there is a <u>recorded</u> <u>application webinar</u> and <u>application instructions</u>.

If you have any questions or want addition support with your application, please contact <u>ConnectHome@hud.gov</u>.



Housing is an effective structural intervention in ending the HIV epidemic in the United States. Each year, HOPWA ensures housing stability for more than 100,000 American households that are low-income and living with HIV. Want to know more about HOPWA? Go to <u>https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/hopwa</u>

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