



**Second Quarter 2020 - HUDLines, HUD's Region III e-News Brief** provides you with a snapshot of what's new in the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Mid-Atlantic region. You'll find periodic updates on HUD activities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. So, read on to find the latest stories, research and announcements on housing and community development initiatives throughout the region.

## A Message from the Regional Administrator



### To our Friends and Community Partners:

**These past three months have certainly been a wild ride.** I'm calling these the before and after shots to illustrate where we were and how far we have come. The photo above is my last visit with HUD Secretary Ben Carson before social distancing became the norm. The one below, my first visit with the Secretary after, as we toured Philadelphia's Edison 64 Veterans Community back in May. I think everyone was as excited as we were to be visiting and touring in person. As you can imagine, this is not how I envisioned celebrating my third anniversary with the agency.

But, **challenging times call for challenging approaches** to dealing with continuing operations with as little impact as possible as well as taking on what has proven to be significant increases in need and corresponding increases in funding to meet the new demand for help and assistance.

And, as we responded to the need for an increase in dollars to assist those dealing with the direct impact of job and income losses, we found we needed an increase in the types and frequency of our communications about those changes. We added our weekly Region III Recap, #MidAtlanticMeetup and more. You may also recall my initial observation—**if there is one positive thing to come out of this crisis, it is that it has made us more flexible in how to do our jobs.**



I think you will all agree—that's an understatement. I'd like to thank all of our partners who have responded to our many requests to join us for our virtual meetings, for funding and special announcements and more.

I'd like to also thank the members of my team who stepped up to develop whatever we needed, whenever we needed new ways of approaching our work and doing our "day" jobs.

It has been a pleasure to watch it all come together—and it has benefitted us all. I know it's not over yet, but we have come a long way. I hope you will enjoy this quarter's e-newsletter—and the new ways we are connecting during this unusual time.

Many thanks for all you are doing each day to help those we serve and how we serve.

Joseph J. DeFelice, Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator

## Virtual Highlights from Around the Region

### Top Tweets for Second Quarter 2020



5,535 views

### Special Funding Announcement

I had the pleasure of [virtually announcing](#) some really BIG news for our region. HUD awarded the Philadelphia Housing Authority a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to complete the implementation of its transformation plan for the Sharswood/Blumberg neighborhood.



As a way to reach vulnerable residents and raise awareness, #COVID19 testing has started at #publichousing and multifamily properties in the @cityofwilmde. Many thanks to all involved in making this happen, especially @Delaware\_DHSS, WHA and the healthcare teams. #HUDR3 #DE



### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As communities combat the coronavirus outbreak, HUD has been highlighting stories of

### HUD Mid-Atlantic EnVision Center Announcement



### Bristol EnVision Center Designation

I joined Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority Executive Director Lisa Porter, City of Bristol, Virginia Mayor Neal Osborne and City of Bristol, Tennessee Mayor Margaret Feierabend in announcing a newly designated HUD EnVision Center demonstration in the City of Bristol, Virginia. Bristol is the fourth EnVision Center designation in Virginia, and the seventh in the Mid-Atlantic region. What's unique about this announcement is that I made it on [Twitter](#) and you can see the announcement in its entirety on the [HUD Mid-Atlantic YouTube Playlist](#).



### #MidAtlanticMeetup

As we continue to serve during this challenging time, we created [#MidAtlanticMeetup](#) to **regularly connect with our local partners across the region** to see how things are going for them. To date, **14 virtual visits** have taken us throughout the region including City of Williamson, West Virginia. You'll find all of our Meetups on our [HUD Mid-Atlantic YouTube Playlist](#). Another new addition!

communities coming together to help their neighbors in need. We feature these in our Region III Recaps each week as well as on Twitter [@JoeDeFeliceHUD](#) and [@HUDMidAtlantic](#), on our Facebook page [@HUDMidAtlantic](#). Our top tweet featured the State of Delaware conducting coronavirus testing at 10 Wilmington Housing Authority high-rise buildings.



### Mid-Atlantic Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative Webinar

Last Friday, nearly 200 attendees joined me, Ruthie White from the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare (who served as our host) and two of the Mid-Atlantic's early adopters of this initiative, Chesapeake and Portsmouth, both in Virginia in sharing their insights and experiences in starting Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) programs during a nationwide webinar. FYI provides housing assistance and supportive services to young people with a child welfare history who are at-risk-of or experiencing homelessness. Region IX Regional Administrator Chris Patterson who also serves as HUD's lead for the FYI initiative and Adaora Onoura, a former foster care youth, for sharing their personal journeys and for being advocates for this important initiative. Since we launched FYI last year, 69 vouchers for former foster youth have been awarded to public housing authorities in Pennsylvania and Virginia, with more to come.

### \$4 Million Awarded to Fight Housing Discrimination in the Region

- Delaware**
  - Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., \$360,000
  - Pathways to Success, Inc., \$125,000
- District of Columbia**
  - Equal Rights Center, \$485,000
  - National Community Reinvestment Coalition, \$360,000
  - National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, \$250,000
  - National Fair Housing Alliance, \$610,000
- Maryland**
  - Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland and Delaware, \$125,000
- Pennsylvania**
  - Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc., \$360,000
  - Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, \$125,000
  - Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania, \$360,000
  - Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc., \$360,000
- Virginia**
  - Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc., \$91,270
  - Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc., \$360,000
- West Virginia**
  - Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority, \$124,467

### Regionwide Grant Announcements

HUD awarded \$4 million in funding to our Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) partners across the region to support a wide range of activities from fair housing enforcement to outreach that educates the public, housing providers and local governments about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. Each week, you'll find these easy-to-read funding charts to provide you with the who, what, where and when of our latest grant announcements. Check out our Facebook page [@HUDMidAtlantic](#).



### Region III Recap

Since April 17, [we have published](#) 11 weekly Region III Recaps to provide you with a snapshot of what's new in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Mid-Atlantic region. As long as we are operating virtually, we will continue to publish the latest news for you.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Around the Region



### In Newport News, Virginia World Central Kitchen Supports Seniors & Restaurants During Pandemic

For Karen Wilds, Executive Director of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the World Central Kitchen's pandemic relief program has been vital in sending food to senior citizens most vulnerable to the coronavirus, so they don't have to expose



### In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Remote Learning Made Possible by Housing Authority Donation

Improving internet access for residents enrolled in Pittsburgh Public Schools has been a long-standing goal of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP), but the covid-19 pandemic created an immediate need. "The pandemic has somewhat pushed the envelope," said HACP Chief Community Affairs Officer Michelle Sandidge in a [TribLIVE article](#). "It's unfortunate that the pandemic happened, but

themselves to risk at restaurants and grocery stores. Newport News restaurants deliver 400 meals a day to four Newport News senior centers run by her organization—in part, via Cozzy’s Comedy Clubs’ 15-seat Fun Tours party bus, which now roves around Newport News delivering food to those in need. World Central Kitchen picks out the restaurants, Wilds said, and her organization helps connect the restaurants with the people who need the food. “I’ve personally seen handwritten notes from our senior citizens who’ve written thanking them for their dedication,” Wilds said to [The Virginian-Pilot](#). “It brightens their day, especially for senior citizens who might have some limited mobility. They’re more worried (about the coronavirus) than anybody else, because of age issues.”



**In Bladensburg, Maryland**  
**Creative Teens Send “Virtual Hugs” to Seniors at Newton Green**

As students everywhere are stuck at home, missing contact with their classmates and regular school day routines, many are making the most of their newly found free time to [connect with their creativity](#). And sometimes the results can be both heartfelt and heartwarming. That’s certainly what happened when Housing Initiative Partnership’s (HIP) Deputy Director Stephanie Proestel recruited a group of artsy teens to create a series of cheerful greeting cards to lift the spirits of the 78 seniors residing at Birchwood at Newton Green Apartments in Bladensburg, Md. She placed the colorful cards and messages of hope inside care packages left at their doors and filled them with canned goods, cleaning supplies, word puzzles and other items to help them pass the time.



**In North Central West Virginia**  
**YouthBuild is Actively Rebuilding Mountain State Communities**

The Randolph County Housing Authority’s [YouthBuild](#) is going strong, rebuilding communities in the North Central West Virginia

in a lot of cases it fast-tracked things we were talking about.” Turns out HACF made a one-time contribution of \$275,000 to the school district to support the purchase of 872 laptops and entered into an agreement to provide internet to students living in the agency’s facilities. Teheria Smith, pictured here with daughters Anasia Smith, 11, and Ari’Yonna Fridy, 7, picked up her daughter’s laptop at the Fulton Elementary distribution. “I feel so humbled to write to you, appreciating the gift I received, Teheria said in an email to Sandidge. “It’s quite overwhelming going through this whole transition, not knowing which way to go or what to do. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated.”



**In the District of Columbia**  
**Multifamily’s The Horning Family Donates & Delivers Food to Washingtonians**

As the nation faces challenges and uncertainty due to COVID-19, The Horning Family stepped up by making a \$100,000 contribution to provide bags of food for every resident in the District of Columbia’s Wards 7 and 8. Partnering with local nonprofit Martha’s Table, Horning’s team personally joined in the effort by delivering bags of groceries to each of their HUD-assisted multifamily rental communities including Riverbend, Fort Stanton, Benning Woods, Stoneridge I and II, Carver Hill and Morris Road. To learn more, [click here](#).



**In Richmond, Virginia**  
**Collaborative COVID-19 Response Planning & Success in the Commonwealth’s Capital**

As the planning and coordinating organization for homeless services in the greater Richmond region, Homeward is grateful for [the successful partnership](#) between the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care, the City of Richmond, local faith communities and concerned citizens in the collaborative efforts to get people out of large encampments and into safe shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. Large encampments are at

counties of Randolph, Barbour, Tucker and Upshur. For nearly 25 years, the program has been offering job training, GED prep and more for low-income young people aged 16-24. As paid crew members for six to eight months, participants acquire valuable hands-on work experience by building affordable housing and participating in leadership development activities. After slowing down due to COVID-19, crew members are back at it, working to transform their lives through community service.



### **In New Castle County, Delaware Innovative Use of CDBG Funding Adds Portable Handwashing Stations in Wilmington**

Each day our partners throughout the Mid-Atlantic are working to overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19. The innovation and collaboration have been remarkable—and heartwarming. In Delaware, the Continuum of Care, in collaboration with New Castle County and with assistance from the City of Wilmington, used the County’s Community Development Block Grant public service dollars to rent portable toilets and sinks—creating handwashing stations for those who had no place to go once libraries, restaurants and shops were closed to the public. Sister Catherine Marie, Executive Director of the St. Patrick’s Center, assisted with the effort and is shown at one of the portable stations.

## **National Healthy Homes Month**



high-risk of a COVID-19 outbreak and many people living outdoors are older and/or have medically compromised immune systems. At last count, 376 people previously experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Richmond were successfully placed in hotels and emergency shelter beds to reduce these risks and to connect them with ongoing resources.

### **Local Research: HUD PD&R Housing Market Profiles Washington, D.C.**

By Joseph Shinn | As of April 1, 2020  
During the past year, nonfarm payrolls increased or were relatively unchanged in 7 of 11 sectors in D.C., led by the professional and business services sector. In the government sector, which is the largest sector in D.C. with nearly 30 percent of all nonfarm payrolls, 1,800 jobs were added during the past year, representing an increase of 0.8 percent. Job growth, however, was weakened by significant declines in the education and health services and the leisure and hospitality sectors.

### **HUD PD&R Housing Market Profiles Richmond, Virginia**

By Tim McDonald | As of April 1, 2020  
The city of Richmond, the state capital of Virginia, is situated at the highest navigable point on the James River, a location that led to the historical development of the area. The Richmond metropolitan area attracts many tourists interested in visiting the local historical sites. According to a study published by the Richmond Region Tourism board, the metropolitan area attracts more than 7 million visitors annually, with a \$2.6 billion economic impact in 2019.

### **HUD PD&R Regional Reports Region III: Mid-Atlantic**

By Wendy Ip | 1st Quarter 2020  
This report reflects market conditions as of the first quarter of 2020. Much of this period was prior to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and therefore most of the data in this report do not reflect the economic and housing market impacts of the actions taken to limit contagion of the virus. At this time, the duration and depth of the economic disruption are unclear, as are the extent and effectiveness countermeasures.

### **HUD PD&R Housing Market Profiles Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, District of Columbia-Virginia-Maryland-West Virginia**

By Joseph Shinn | As of March 1, 2020  
The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) (hereafter, Washington metropolitan area) is made up of the District of Columbia in addition to 15 counties and six independent cities in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The professional and business services and the government sectors, which are the largest in the area with 23 and 21 percent of nonfarm

## **In Baltimore, Maryland** **Achieving a Healthy Home**

As National Healthy Homes Month comes to a close, [this video](#) is a good reminder of why it's important to achieve and maintain a healthy home. Produced by HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, the video spotlights homeowners Michele Stewart and Vivian Cox and their families in Baltimore, Maryland, who now have healthier homes, thanks to the programs and support of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development.

## **National Homeownership Month**



## **In Montgomery County & Prince George's County, Maryland**

### **National Homeownership Month: Dreams Come True and It Starts Here**

According to the [Washington Post](#), accumulating the cash needed to buy your first home while paying rent and perhaps student loan debt can be challenging. Maryland has several offerings under the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) run by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The MMP includes a 30-year fixed-rate loan with a low interest rate as well as grants or loans to pay for closing costs and a down payment. In Montgomery and Prince George's counties, the maximum household income limit ranges from \$145,560 to \$169,820. The maximum purchase price depends on whether the area is targeted for economic redevelopment. For Prince George's County's [Rhonda Wanzer](#) and Montgomery County's [Kathy Bravo and Donte Hamilton](#), MMP meant a "new lease on life" through owning their own homes.

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payrolls, respectively, added the most jobs during the past year.

### **Funding Opportunities**

[Estimating the Prevalence and Probability of Homeless Youth due July 1](#)

[Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program due July 8](#)

[Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Education and Outreach Initiative \(COVID-19\) due July 8](#)

[Examining Long-Term Outcomes Following Exit from HUD-Assisted Housing due July 14](#)

[Impact of RAD on Children in HUD Assisted Households due July 30](#)

[Alternative Methods for Calculating Fair Market Rents \(FMRs\) in Rental Markets with Rapidly Rising Rents due August 4](#)

[Social and Economic Impacts of the CDBG and HOME Programs due August 17](#)

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\) due August 18](#)

[Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program due August 18](#)

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