**Support the Low Income Housing Tax Credit**

NAHRO advocates are on fire this August recess - you’ve sent nearly 4,000 letters in just three weeks! Help us strengthen these numbers even more by supporting an important affordable housing tool: the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).

Since its creation in 1986, the LIHTC has created more than three million new homes for low-income families; virtually no affordable housing is produced without using the credit. NAHRO members rely on it for a variety of projects, including the production of new units and the preservation of public housing units through RAD. However, the limited availability and the popularity of the LIHTC have made it very competitive in many states.

The Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2019 (S. 1703/H.R. 3077) is bipartisan legislation to expand and strengthen the LIHTC. Specifically, the bill would increase the availability of the housing credit by 50 percent over five years, permanently authorize the 4 percent housing credit, and make other changes that would help make it a more effective tool.

This legislation is sponsored  by Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), and Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), and Representatives Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.), Kenny Marchant (R-Texas), Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.).

To take action, visit the [NAHRO Advocacy Action Center](http://www.nahro.org/nahro-advocacy) to send a pre-drafted letter or log onto our new mobile Advocacy App.

**Accessing the App**

The app is only available to NAHRO members, though the web-based Action Center is available to everyone. To access the NAHRO app:

1. Visit your smartphone’s app store: either the [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.constituentvoice.nahro&hl=en_US) (Android) or the [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/nahro-advocacy/id1458164309) (iPhone).
2. Search for “NAHRO Advocacy Action” in the app store.
3. Download and open the app.
4. Sign in. Your username will be your first name and last name (no space in between, not case sensitive) and password will be your last name (lowercase).

Questions? Email thembree@nahro.org.

**Safety and Security Emergency Capital Needs Notice Posted**

On August 19, HUD released Notice PIH 2019-22 titled “Emergency Safety and Security Grants Annual Funding Notification and Application Process.” The notice provides guidance to PHAs seeking to apply for Emergency Capital Needs funding for safety and security measures. Funding is available to address needs resulting from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and natural disasters, excluding Presidentially Declared disasters, occurring in the current fiscal year. HUD is including the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning as a potential emergency safety need for public housing residents and including costs for the purchase, repair, replacement, and installation of carbon monoxide detectors as eligible activities for emergency safety and security grant funding. HUD will only accept one emergency safety and security grant per PHA, however, HUD may elect to accept separate applications from a single PHA in the same fiscal year for funding to address crime and drug-related activity and for funding for the purchase, repair, replacement, and installation of carbon monoxide detectors. Safety and security funding will be limited to $250,000 per application.

Applications and the application deadline is on HUD’s [Office of Capital Improvement Website](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/capfund).

**Community Development Resource Center**

**Welcome!**to NAHRO's resource center on federal community development and affordable housing programsthat are of particular interest to members. Explore the latest news, policy fact sheets, and federally issued regulations, notices, and NOFAs. Issues covered in this center largely focus on the programs administered by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

Stay connected - make sure to follow the [**NAHRO Blog**](https://nahropolicyblog.wordpress.com/)and [**@NAHROnational**](https://twitter.com/NAHROnational) on Twitter.

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**Community Development News**

* **Sep 15:**[**What to Know About CDBG Disaster Relief Funds**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/9/date/1#13039)
* **Sep 11:**[**HUD Releases 2018 QCTs and DDAs for Low Income Housing Tax Credit**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/9/date/1#13047)
* **Aug 08:**[**HUD Provides Additional $179 Million to States for Disaster Recovery**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/8/date/0#12925)
* **Jul 30:**[**FY 2018 Senate Appropriations Bill In-Depth: Community Development Programs**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/fy-2018-senate-appropriations-bill-depth-community-development-programs)
* **Jul 18:**[**FY 2018 House Appropriations Bill In-Depth: Community Development Programs**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/fy-2018-house-appropriations-bill-depth-community-development-programs)
* **Jul 14:**[**FY 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition is Now Open**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/7/date/1#12883)
* **Jun 14:**[**HUD Announces FY17 CPD Formula Allocations**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/6/date/1#12759)
* **Jun 02:**[**Suspension of the HOME 24-Month Committment Requirement**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/6/date/0#12714)
* **May 24:**[**NAHRO Attends HOME, CDBG Roundtable**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/6/date/0#12713)
* **May 23:**[**FY 2018 Budget Proposal: Community Development Programs**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/5/date/1#12655)
* **May 10:**[**HUD CPD Issues Waiver for Citizen Participation Req.**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/5/date/1#12664)
* **May 04:**[**FY 2017 Omnibus Analysis: Community Development Programs**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/fy-2017-omnibus-analysis-community-development-programs)
* **Apr 31:**[**Urban Institute Releases Report on CDBG**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/4/date/1#12568)
* **Apr 18:**[**HUD Publishes Annual LIHTC Tenant Data**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/4/date/1#12567)
* **Mar 28:**[**Senators Introduce Bill to Strengthen Homelessness Council**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/4/date/0#12525)
* **Mar 22:**[**Representatives Tiberi and Neal Introduce Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/4/date/0#12520)
* **Mar 07:**[**Senators Reintroduce Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/3/date/0#12427)
* **Feb 07:**[**CDFI Fund FY 2016 Year in review: New Markets Tax Credit**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/2/date/1#12393)
* **Jan 23:**[**HUD Publishes Coordinated Entry Requirements for Homeless Assistance Programs**](http://www.nahro.org/node/403/year/2017/month/2/date/0#12354)

**Programs and Policy Fact Sheets**

* [**CDBG and HOME**](http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/Policy-Booklet-Spring2017_CDBG%20and%20HOME.pdf)*(4/1/17)*
* **National Housing Trust Fund***(12/31/16)*
* **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants***(12/31/16)*
* **Community Development Briefs***(12/31/16)*
* **Community Development Infographics***(12/31/16)*
* [**Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program**](http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/Policy-Booklet-Spring2017_LIHTC.pdf)*(4/1/2017)*

**Crosscutting Issues**

* [**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**](http://www.nahro.org/AFFH)
* [**Rental Assistance Demonstration**](http://www.nahro.org/RAD)
* [**Moving to Work Demonstration**](http://www.nahro.org/mtw)

**Federal Regulations, Notices, and NOFAs**

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| **Title** | **Date** | **Type** | **Program** | **Summary** |
| [**Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Assist Individual Development Accounts**](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/17-07CPDN.PDF) | 8/15/17 | Notice | CDBG | This Notice describes how grantees can use CDBG to fund Individual Development Accounts (IDA) that will be used to pay for CDBG-eligible activities. |
| [**FY 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFA**](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf) | 7/14/2017 | NOFA | CoC | This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) establishes the funding criteria for the FY 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. HUD is making available approximately $2 billion in Fiscal Year 2017 for the CoC Program. |
| [**Using Community Planning and Development Program (CPD) funds for Disaster Response**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-06cpdn.pdf)[**and Recovery**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-06cpdn.pdf) | 6/1/2017 | Notice | CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG | HUD is encouraging CPD formula grantees to undertake comprehensive pre-disaster planning and use their grant funds for both immediate disaster response and long term recovery. This Notice provides guidance to grantees on how to use CPD formula grant programs to carry out disaster response and recovery activities.  |
| [**Guidance for HTF Grantees on Fiscal Year 2017 Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Allocation Plans**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-05cpdn.pdf) | 5/31/2017 | Notice | HTF | CPD-17-05: This notice provides guidance to States on the submission requirements for the HTF program.  |
| [**Instructions for Urban County Qualification for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2018-2020**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-03cpdn.pdf) | 4/12/2017 | Notice | CDBG | CPD-17-03: This Notice establishes requirements, procedures and deadlines to be followed in the urban county qualification process for FYs 2018-2020. Information concerning specific considerations and responsibilities for urban counties is also provided. HUD Field Offices and urban counties are expected to adhere to the deadlines in this Notice |
| [**Housing Trust Fund Federal Register Allocation Notice**](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-07487) | 4/13/2017 | Notice | HTF | Notice of corrected fiscal year 2016 funding allocations. |
| [**Procedural Guidance for Fiscal Year 2017 HOPWA Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Grant Applications**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-02cpdn.pdf) | 2/16/2017 | Notice | HOPWA | This Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) notice announces renewal application requirements for eligible expiring HOPWA Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) competitive renewal grants. This notice will serve as the renewal application procedural guide for eligible Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 renewal applicants.  |
| [**Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System**](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=17-01cpdn.pdf) | 1/23/2017 | Notice | CoC, ESG | this Notice establishes new requirements that Continuums of Care (CoC) and recipients of CoC Program and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program funding must meet related to the development and use of a centralized or coordinated assessment system. It also provides guidance on additional policies that CoCs and ESG recipients should consider incorporating into written policies and procedures to achieve improved outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. |

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**NAHRO Community Development Direct News**

*NAHRO Community Development Direct News* is a regular e-newsletter providing members with a comprehensive roundup of the most recent news and opportunities related to federal community development and affordable housing programs and policies. Members may sign-up to receive the newsletter by emailing Jenny Hsu at jhsu@nahro.org.

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| * [**September 16, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-september-19-2017)
* [**August 25, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-august-25-2017)
* [**August 1, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-august-2-2017)
* [**July 6, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-july-6-2017)
* [**June 7, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-june-7-2017)
 | * [**May 19, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-may-19-2017)
* [**April 5, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-april-5-2017)
* [**March 6, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-march-6-2017)
* [**Feburary 13, 2017**](http://www.nahro.org/news-content/community-development-update-february-13-2017)
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