

House America: An All Hands On Deck effort to address the nation's homelessness crisis

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House America: Background

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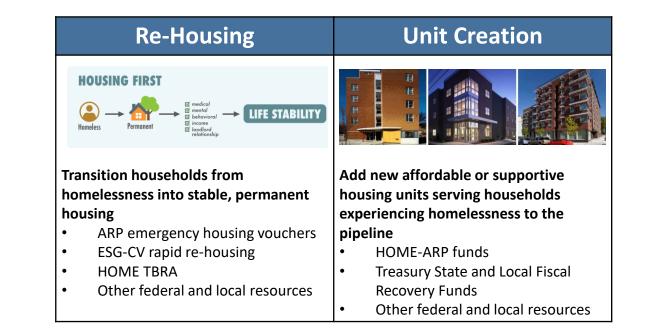
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Re-house households experiencing homelessness through a Housing First approach Add new units of affordable housing into the development pipeline • Through House America, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge invites mayors, city and county leaders, tribal nation leaders, and governors into a national partnership to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach with goals met by December 31, 2022.

• House America helps ensure the historic investments provided through the American Rescue Plan have a demonstrable impact on homelessness.

House America's Goals

Secretary Fudge announced national goals: at least 100,000 households rehoused and at least 20,000 new units of affordable or supportive housing added to development pipelines by December 31, 2022.



How Leaders Participate

Sign On

Review HA "Packet" (can request from House America webpage)

Email <u>houseamerica@hud.gov</u> stating intent to join and point of contact

Comms: announce commitment via proclamation, press release, or letter to Secretary Fudge

Join House America monthly "All Hands" call and office hours

Set Goals

Convene local team: CoC, PHA, etc.

See HUD goal-setting tool

Comms: announce goals via proclamation, press release, etc.

Share goal #s and any documentation with <u>houseamerica@hud.gov</u>

Manage to Success

Track local progress/outcomes

Press: highlight milestones and tell stories behind the numbers

Request additional support or TA through HUD field office or USICH regional coordinator

Federal Partners: HUD

- Headquarters
 - Convenes monthly national calls
 - Meets with House America leaders and their teams as requested
 - Incorporates lessons learned into agency activities
- Field
 - Office of Field Policy and Management
 - Recruits leaders, convenes local and regional partners, connects to local resources
 - Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)
 - Technical assistance for Emergency Housing Vouchers and other PIH programs
 - Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)
 - Technical assistance for HOME-ARP, CoC, ESG-CV and other CPD programs





Federal Partners: U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

- Policy Team: coordinates among the 19 federal agency members of the Council.
- National Initiatives Team: Regional Coordinators connect the Council's work to House America communities
- USICH Member agencies: incorporate lessons learned from the House America cohort into agency activities

- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Education (ED)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Department of Interior
- Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- AmeriCorps
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Office Management and Budget (OMB)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- United States Postal Service (USPS)
- White House Office on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Key Community Partners

Continuums of Care (CoC)

Coordinated Entry System (C.E.)

Public Housing Authorities

Neighboring/overlapping governments (including regional, COG, etc.)

May participate jointly in House America

State Agencies:

- Housing Finance Agencies
- Medicaid Agencies
- Lead Applicants ("Single State Agencies") for substance use and mental health grants from SAMHSA

Healthcare Systems/Providers:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or Community Health Centers
- Hospitals
- Health Departments

House America Events/Offerings

- Monthly All Hands call featuring guest speakers
- Monthly Office Hours with HUD and federal partner agencies
- Monthly Email Digest collecting news, updates, resources
- Email <u>houseamerica@hud.gov</u> to be added
- Monthly check-ins with local field office staff
- Press and promotion assistance from HUD regional office staff

Key Resources

HUD Exchange

- Maximizing Federal Resources to House America
- HOME-ARP checklist and common issues
- HOME-ARP Sample Allocation Plans
- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Data Dashboard
- <u>ESG- CV</u>
- EHV How to Guide for PHAs
- USICH
 - <u>10 Strategies to Reduce Homelessness with the American</u> <u>Rescue Plan</u>
 - Making the Most of the American Rescue Plan
 - <u>Federal Health and Social Service Programs that Support</u> <u>People Experiencing Homelessness</u>
- House America Website

Local Resources

HUD HOME and CDBG Funds:

 City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Department

HUD Public Housing Funds:

• Tacoma Housing Authority

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Through the American Bence Plan, communities now have bistoric resources-70.000 energency housing vouchers and 85billion in HOME Investment Partnership grants-to help more Americans obtain the safety of a stable home. Communities uito have resources through the CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and other state, tribal, and local resources to re-house people experiencing homelessness and create additional dedicated bousing units to address homelessness.

House America provides communities with the focus, resolve, and technical know-how needed to deploy these resources to maximize impact.



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