



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

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House America: Background



- 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.

Re-Housing	Unit Creation
<div><p>HOUSING FIRST</p><p>Homeless → Permanent → LIFE STABILITY</p><p>medical mental behavioral income landlord relationship</p></div> <p>Transition households from homelessness into stable, permanent housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARP emergency housing vouchers• ESG-CV rapid re-housing• HOME TBRA• Other federal and local resources	 <p>Add new affordable or supportive housing units serving households experiencing homelessness to the pipeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOME-ARP funds• Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds• Other federal and local resources

How Leaders Participate

Sign On

Review HA “Packet” (can request from House America webpage)

Email houseamerica@hud.gov 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 houseamerica@hud.gov

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 houseamerica@hud.gov 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](#)
 - [ESG- CV](#)
 - [EHV - How to Guide for PHAs](#)
- USICH
 - [10 Strategies to Reduce Homelessness with the American Rescue Plan](#)
 - [Making the Most of the American Rescue Plan](#)
 - [Federal Health and Social Service Programs that Support People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- 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

Questions?



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