



HOUSING DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 17, 2021
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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AGENDA

- 10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Dana Lewis, Co-Chair
- 10:05 A.M. 2. REGIONAL HOUSING TARGETS IMPLEMENTATION: HUD SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM**
Seema M. Thomas, HUD Deputy Director, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, Financial Management Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance
Paul Webster, HUD Director, Financial Management Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance
Polly Donaldson, Director, District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development
- Paul Webster and Seema Thomas will present an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Section 108 loan guarantee program and how it might benefit members of the Housing Directors Advisory Committee.
 - Following Mr. Webster and Ms. Thomas’s remarks, Director Polly Donaldson will share how the District of Columbia plans to use its newly awarded \$38.8 million Section 108 award to create a revolving loan fund that will provide third party loans for the preservation of hundreds of affordable housing units.
- 10:45 A.M. 3. HAND HIT RELEASE AND COLLABORATION NEXT STEPS**
Dana Lewis, Co-Chair, Tom Fleetwood, Co-Chair, and All Participants
- HDAC members will have an opportunity to share reactions and observations regarding the recently released **HAND Housing Indicator Tool (HIT)**.
 - **Questions for Committee member consideration:**
 - Should we collaborate to standardize how we measure preservation across jurisdictions?
 - HAND offered to work with us to create a “Housing Training” series for elected officials. Would this be helpful? What topics should the series cover?
- 11:00 A.M. 4. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND EVICTION MORATORIUM ROUNDTABLE**
Dana Lewis, Co-Chair, Tom Fleetwood, Co-Chair, and All Participants
- On Thursday, March 11th, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law. The new stimulus package includes several items that support housing stability in our region, including funding for emergency rental assistance, housing vouchers, homelessness and

homeowner assistance, housing counseling and fair housing support as well as utility assistance. This is in addition to the Emergency Rental Assistance program from the Treasury Department.

- How is your jurisdiction preparing to administer this new round of funds?
 - Are you considering changes to existing programs?
 - Is there an opportunity for us to consider piloting a new cross-jurisdictional approach to address current emergency needs using federal (vs local) funding sources?
- In addition, the CDC eviction moratorium is also scheduled to end on March 31st – how is your jurisdiction preparing and working to prevent a significant inflow into homeless services?

11:25 A.M. 5. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Dana Lewis, Co-Chair, Tom Fleetwood, Co-Chair, and All Participants

- Co-chair Lewis will share an opportunity for committee members to collaborate in designing shared solutions to meet regional housing targets. Housing Directors will be asked for their interest and willingness to share challenges and recent strategies from their jurisdictions, by geography sub-groups, to test ideas, messages, and programs that may resonate within those communities. COG staff will reach out to individual committee members to coordinate for future meetings.

11:30 A.M. 6. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 19th at 10am

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