

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Center for **FAITH-BASED** *& Neighborhood Partnerships*



About Us

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships serves as a resource center for faith-based and secular non-profit organizations seeking to partner with HUD to address the housing and community development needs of low-income communities. The Center builds partnerships and serves as a liaison between the grassroots groups and the federal government ensuring that organizations have the latest information about HUD initiatives and programs as well as other federal resources available to their communities. The Center convenes outside partners, practitioners and organizations from the non-profit and faith communities with policy makers and government officials to more effectively identify and meet the needs of some of the nation's most vulnerable citizens.

The Center also offers technical assistance to faith-based and secular non-profits organizations in order to support and strengthen their effectiveness. The Center does not provide funding (grants, etc.) to outside organizations but serves as a clearing house for information and requests about potential funding opportunities within other parts of HUD and the Administration for faith-based and secular non-profit organizations.

Programs and Initiatives

Community Roundtables: The Center convenes HUD staff, partners, and stakeholders in communities throughout the nation, at roundtables that seek to identify ongoing needs and opportunities in affordable housing and community development and to encourage new partnerships to address those needs. These meetings offer information about the Department's ongoing critical work in implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and to ensure that the experiences of local faith-based and secular non-profits and other community stakeholders inform HUD's work to address the effects of the housing crisis and unemployment.

Technical Assistance: HUD has set the standard across the federal government for its technical assistance and capacity building programs for neighborhood-based non-profit organizations. In addition to technical assistance programs such as those offered by the Office of Community Planning and Development, the Center works with HUD field and program offices to offer over 40 organizational capacity building workshops annually around the country. These one- and two-day trainings are designed for smaller grassroots non-profits seeking to strengthen their effectiveness by covering the following topics:

- Organizational Development (Board development, 501c3 tax status, etc.)
- Strategic Planning Basics
- Financial Management Basics
- Performance Measurements and Evaluation
- The Science of Finding and Applying for Grants

The Center collaborates with HUD programs as well as other federal departments to ensure that training events not only provide a comprehensive view of federal resources and partnership opportunities available to grassroots non-profits, but also provide important opportunities for federal officials to receive invaluable input from community stakeholders.

To learn more about our training programs for non-profit, please contact: Jovette.G.Gadson@hud.gov.

Training materials are available electronically and can be downloaded at:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/faith_based/technical_assistance

Promoting Service

The Center is promoting President Obama's call to service by working with a wide range of non-profits that offer volunteer opportunities for citizens wishing to make a difference. To learn more about current service opportunities, visit: www.serve.gov.

To learn more about the Center's programs and Initiatives, contact us at 202-708-2404 or email:

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