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## Welcome from the Regional Administrator

As we embark upon a New Year it is customary to tout regional accomplishments from the previous year. Although often not obvious, HUD's 2012 investments have made notable contributions to new housing starts, community economic development and job creation throughout the region. However, this occasion provides me an opportunity to both acknowledge this new e-newsletter and credit activities in the Rocky Mountain West region that made 2012 memorable. In addition, I want to recognize and welcome to Region VIII the new Public Affairs Specialist, Charlene Guzman, who has created this inaugural communication tool and is enhancing the region's social media utilization.

The Region VIII states all lent a hand in shaping a remarkable year. For instance, every state boasts either a Regional Sustainable Planning or Challenge grantee. Their grant work is breaking new ground in regional collaboration that's promoting healthier communities through energy efficiency technologies and improved access to alternative transportation choices resulting in a planning strategy poised to attract and sustain economic growth. In particular, the South Dakota Oglala Lakota Sioux reservation received national attention by President Obama when he mentioned the Thunder Valley CDC's regional sustainability work at a White House ceremony honoring American Indian Tribal leadership.

During the past year, other HUD partners in communities and towns such as Missoula, Casper, Rapid City, Pueblo and Salt Lake City successfully leveraged Neighborhood Stabilization Program dollars that have helped to



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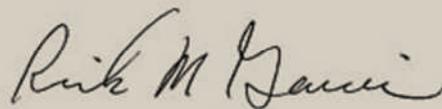
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transform and rehabilitate existing properties into new sustainable affordable homes. Many of these units are dedicated to residents earning less than 50% of the area's median income which includes seniors and individuals with disabilities. NSP has been a game changer for many communities. The investments have helped to stabilize the housing market and create construction jobs along the way.

The HUD negotiated national servicers mortgage settlement also touched 49 states by providing an opportunity for attorneys general to accept a windfall of payout dollars to redress the past private foreclosure abuses among the nation's top five home mortgage lenders. Most states used funding resources to enhance HUD approved housing counseling services while others seeded state Housing Trust Funds to leverage alternative financing to build affordable housing for residents of their states. Either way, new dollars have had a positive effect on getting the region's housing market back on track.

HUD's mission to create affordable and sustainable housing can only be effective when we help our partners be productive in delivering these results on the ground. I look forward to continuing to work diligently in the upcoming year with HUD's partners, stakeholders and customers to achieve another notable year.



HUD Regional Administrator



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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## National News



### Cyndi Lauper Joins HUD to Spotlight Local Efforts To End Homelessness Through One-Night Homeless Counts

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Cyndi Lauper are joining the effort to “Make Everyone Count,” a national campaign to support local one-night counts of homeless persons and families. Cyndi Lauper and the True Colors Fund’s Forty to Nine Project produced a national public service announcement to encourage viewers to contribute their time to gather needed data on the scale of homelessness throughout the

U.S. During the last 10 days in January, HUD asks more than 3,000 cities and counties to conduct “Point-in-Time” counts of homeless persons that reveal the number of persons in shelters and on the streets on a given night. Ultimately, these one-night counts provide local planners with data they need to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless so they, in turn, can develop a thoughtful response to confront homelessness. Read the full news release [here](#) or watch the [PSA featuring Cyndi Lauper](#).

### HUD Region VIII Super Storm Sandy Responders

In wake of the devastation sustained on the East Coast resulting from Hurricane Sandy, came an opportunity for HUD employees throughout the nation to rally together in a time of need and assist with the Department’s response, recovery and planning efforts. During the first two months following the hurricane, HUD Region VIII was able to send a total of 8 staff members to assist in a variety of capacities. These staff members had the privilege of assisting first hand families and individuals visiting the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) for assistance from FEMA, HUD, SBA and various other government and city agencies. Without fail, our HUD staff was present every day at the assigned DRC to fulfill the Department’s mission and assist in the immediate response. HUD Programs were explained and searches for housing in the housing portal were conducted as many people were without internet access. In addition to this, HUD staff networked with the local agencies and provided information regarding HUD, making our agency a viable partner to these DRCs. Read the full story on the [HUDdle](#).

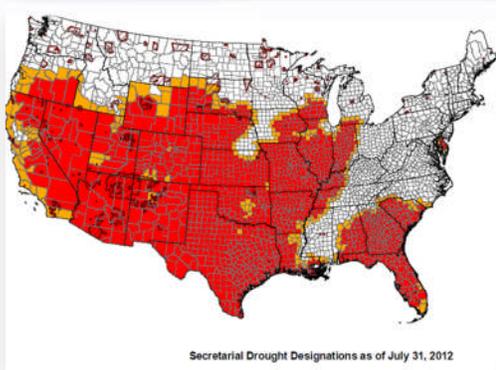


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### HUD’s Role in Regional Drought Recovery

HUD’s Rocky Mountain Deputy Regional Administrator, Dan Gomez Jr., joined more than 100 attendees at the second of four regional U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) workshops designed to address the long term effects of last summer’s historic drought. The Colorado regional workshop was held at the state fairgrounds in Pueblo in October and served to outline resources available to assist with drought recovery efforts. USDA is partnering with federal, state, local and tribal entities to hold the workshops in four key locations: Nebraska, Colorado, Arkansas and Ohio. Additional federal partners include the Department of Commerce, the Small

Business Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. HUD stands ready to support this multiagency effort to partner with the farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and rural areas that have been impacted by the drought. There are three programs which will be instrumental in assisting drought impacted

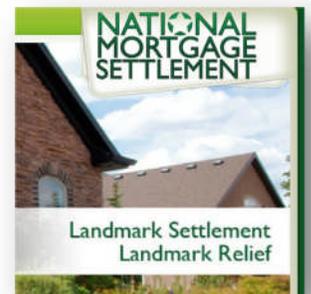


communities: **1. Rural Innovation Fund** - provides for capacity building at the state and local level for rural housing and economic development, and the program supports innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. **2. Making Home Affordable Program** - a critical part of the Obama Administration's broad strategy to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, stabilize the country's housing market, and improve the nation's economy. It provides tools to lower monthly mortgage payments and avoid foreclosure. **3. Section 8 Housing Choice Program** - the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.

Additionally, the USDA recently declared two-thirds of Colorado's counties — including all of Southeastern Colorado — as disaster areas eligible for federal drought assistance. Read more [here](#).

### National Mortgage Settlement Speeds Relief to Homeowners

The nation's largest mortgage servicers have distributed \$26.1 billion in direct relief to nearly 310,000 homeowners, or roughly \$84,385 per homeowner as part of the National Mortgage Settlement, according to a progress report released last year by independent settlement monitor Joseph A. Smith of the Office of Mortgage Settlement Oversight. Earlier in 2012, the Department of Justice, HUD and 49 state attorneys general reached a landmark agreement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers to address mortgage loan servicing and foreclosure abuses. Read the [full report](#) and the Monitor's [state-by-state data map](#).



In Colorado last October, Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and Governor John Hickenlooper announced that Colorado had completed arrangements for the distribution of all of the \$51.17 million it received under a multistate settlement with five of the country's largest national banks over foreclosure abuses in March 2012.

While many other states saw their cash go into their general fund coffers and get used for things like education and building new roads, Hickenlooper and Colorado's legislative leaders agreed that the settlement funds should be used for foreclosure prevention, housing-counseling services and additional legal services for distressed owners, said the attorney general. And that is why, said Suthers on Thursday, Jan 10th, money from the \$51.17 million received by his office and the Colorado Housing and Finance

Authority is being used to fund the "2013 Public Awareness Campaign" to promote the Colorado foreclosure hotline (1-877-601-HOPE). Read more [here](#).

## HUD Joins Multi-agency Effort in National Prevention Strategy

For the last 4 months, moving quietly between federal meeting places throughout the Denver Metro Area, a diverse consortium of government agencies have been tackling our nation's most complex health issues. Lead by the Department of Health and Human Services, 17 federal departments have joined forces to form the National Prevention Council; a group committed to outlining how federal, state, local, tribal governments, businesses, healthcare systems, learning institutions, communities and individuals all play a part in prevention. The objective is to

increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life. It's a lofty goal but one that they work toward diligently, week after week, with a sense of passion and purpose that is unrivaled.



Here in Region VIII, this multiagency effort is serving as a model for the entire nation, showing what is possible through intentional and thoughtful collaboration. HUD has taken its place at this proverbial table as representatives from each agency identify intersections between their respective activities. It is here, at these places of meeting and connection, where issues such as healthy eating, active living, and healthy and safe communities take on new life. It's one of the best examples of leveraging federal partnerships to date and one that we expect will have an impact far into this country's future. Learn more about the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the National Prevention Strategy [here](#). View the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service's Core Nutrition Messages [here](#).

## Consumer Finance Bureau Releases New Qualified Mortgage Rule

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently released the new Qualified Mortgage Rule, which the mortgage industry has been waiting for ever since the Dodd-Frank Act was passed in 2010. Some rules include:

- No interest only loans, negative amortization, balloon payments or loans exceeding a term of 30 years.
- Points and fees paid cannot exceed 3% of total loan amount.
- Debt to Income ratios cannot exceed 43%

The "[Qualified Mortgage Rule](#)" will take effect on January 10th, 2014, which will give banks and lenders time to adjust to the new rules set forth. Read more [here](#).

## HUD, Dept. of the Treasury, and Ad Council Release New PSA Aimed at Helping Struggling Homeowners

To increase awareness of the Making Home Affordable Program's free resources and assistance for struggling homeowners, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), HUD, and the Ad Council today unveiled the third and final phase of their Foreclosure Prevention Assistance Public Service Advertising (PSA) Campaign. To view the campaign materials, click [here](#).



## HUD Federal Register Rules, Notices & Funding

- HUD receives the CEAR award for its FY 2011 Agency Financial Report! FY 2011 marked the sixth year that HUD participated in the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) review program, sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants, and it is a tribute to all those involved in the annual reporting process that HUD has received this prestigious award for the sixth consecutive year. Read HUD's [FY 2012 Agency Financial Report](#).
- HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has released the [U.S. Housing Market Conditions Report](#) for the third quarter of 2012. The report provides updated information for the country on housing construction, marketing, affordability, homeownership, foreclosures, and multifamily housing performance. Profiles of regional activity, selected housing markets, and updates of historical trends in national and regional markets are presented.
- HUD's OneCPD Resource Library and the redesign of the [OneCPD Resource Exchange](#) are now live! Community Planning & Development grantees and partners can now go to the OneCPD Resource Exchange to search for resources across all CPD programs. The library contains resources from the NSP Resource Exchange ([hudnshelp.info](http://hudnshelp.info)), Homelessness Resource Exchange ([hudhre.info](http://hudhre.info)), [HOMETA.info](http://HOMETA.info), [HUD.gov](http://HUD.gov), [Comcon.org](http://Comcon.org), and other sources.
- HUD launches new [CPD Income Eligibility Calculator](#)! This new tool helps CPD grantees determine income eligibility and assistance amounts for beneficiaries of most CPD programs. It is as easy as 1-2-3: simply enter the requested data and this calculator will work behind the scenes to generate a summary of results for each beneficiary.
- You may have missed HUD's Office of Environment and Energy's authoritative and comprehensive webinar series entitled [Understanding HUD Environmental Reviews](#), but you'll find all of the training sessions are available [online](#). Answer all your questions, or simply refresh your skills!
- Visit HUD's [NSP Learning Center](#). The NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) website is a one-stop shop for training on the NSP program. It features information regarding webinars, in-person trainings, training materials, video based training and case studies. Sign up for the upcoming [HUD NSP Webinar: Q&A and NSP Deadline](#) scheduled for January 31.
- Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) has posted FREE archival copies of their recent [HUD Compliance Webinar Series](#). Topics for Housing Counselors include: 9902 training, Reporting - Quarterly & Draws, Counseling - Group & Individual, Housing Counseling Work Plan, QCP, Data Security, CMS Systems and HCS, FHA HAMP & FHA Loss Mitigation.
- Check out the HUD [Public and Indian Housing One Stop Tool \(POST\)](#) for Public Housing Authorities. Here PHA staff can obtain quick access to PIH systems, tools, training opportunities, program requirements, commonly used external websites, PIH contacts, and much more. If you have recommendations to improve POST or if you are having difficulty accessing web pages, we want to hear from you! Please email us at [POSTforPHAs@hud.gov](mailto:POSTforPHAs@hud.gov).

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Neighborhood Stabilization Program Tracking Study

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Notice of Proposed Information; Collection for Public Comment; Continuum of Care Program Application-Technical Submission

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### **Notices of Funding Availability**

Due January 18 – FY 2012 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition

Due January 28 – Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2) National Resource Network

Due February 1 – Funding Availability under Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.

***For additional information, visit the HUD Federal Registers page***

## Office of Native American Programs

**President Obama Recognizes Thunder Valley CDC** – As 375 HUD Sustainable Communities grantees, federal partners and technical assistance organizations gathered in Washington to share strategies and best practices, President Obama recognized the Thunder Valley CDC, a 2010 grantee, at the 2012 Tribal Nations Conference in December.

“I’m hopeful because of young folks like Nick Tilsen,” said Obama at the closing session of the Tribal Conference. “I just had a chance to talk to Nick, a Lakota Indian who lives on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, which is one of the poorest parts of America. And unemployment

there is rampant; high rates of disease and violence are often forcing folks to downsize their dreams. But there’s a more promising statistic in Pine Ridge. More than half of Pine Ridge’s population is under 30 years old. And many of those young people, like Nick, are giving all they have to help turn things around.”



“So Nick heads up a non-profit in Pine Ridge,” the President continued. “A few years ago, with the support of some grants and other members of his tribe, Nick built a community center that uses spiritual and cultural teachings to help young people stay off drugs and their parents live healthier lifestyles. And it’s making a difference. So today, he’s building something bigger — a clean-energy community that will provide affordable housing for folks who need it and help more Lakota small businesses get off the ground.” (Click photo [here](#) to see the President recognize Nick Tilsen and [here](#) for the speech transcript.)

Read the full report by the Director of HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, Shelley Poticha, [here](#).

**Healthy Homes in Turtle Mountain** - On August 28, 2012, The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, located in Belcourt, North Dakota, implemented its first bi-monthly training program for low-income housing residents called “Healthy Homes Workshop.” Upon completion of the first training, word quickly spread, and in October, 2012, the workshop was held for a second time with an increase to ten participants.

The training aims to educate residents on the different pests that are common on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, including keeping children safe from dangerous household products, the dangers of carbon-monoxide poisoning, and basic sanitation methods for clothing, furniture, etc. In addition, the training educates residents on the proper use of home cleaning solutions, as well as how to create their own in order to save money. The program has been well received by participating residents and is a valuable tool for the health and safety of those residing in HUD assisted housing.



**Visit the [Office of Native American Programs](#) to learn more.**

## Around the Region

### COLORADO

#### HUD Funded Mariposa District Wins EPA Smart Growth Award

The transformation of Denver's historic and diverse La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood into the Mariposa District is turning an area in need of redevelopment into a vibrant, mixed-use district close to schools, jobs, and the 10th and Osage light-rail station. Thanks to extensive community engagement and numerous applications of HUD financing, Mariposa's development features environmental measures and emphasizes healthy living for residents.

In 2009, the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (DHA) began redevelopment of a 17.5-acre public housing site in the La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood. Partnering with community groups, the city of Denver, and other stakeholders, DHA led an extensive public engagement process to create the South Lincoln Redevelopment Master Plan for the new Mariposa District. Recently their efforts were rewarded with the 2012 EPA Smart Growth Award for Equitable Development. Read more in this [EPA article](#). Watch video [here](#).



#### Acting Assistant Secretary Mark Johnston visits Denver to see Development from the Ground Up



Community development is a key component in meeting HUD's goal of improving quality of life for all Americans. In Denver, there has been a concerted effort to become more deliberate in meeting the housing needs of the community. Whether it's for ending homelessness, supporting veterans, or boosting the local economy, HUD's Community Planning and Development funds have been hard at work. Recently the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Community Planning and Development, Mark Johnston, toured two sites which are setting the standard for meeting the housing needs of homeless and low-income families. A third site he visited, called TAXI, is a 20-acre project in the River North offering creative and flexible workspaces and residential areas. Read more in this [HUDDle blog post](#).

#### Congratulations to Delta Volunteers of America Elderly Housing!

In December HUD announced \$946,725 in grants to help 209 senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Colorado to receive health care, meals, and other critical supportive services. The grants are awarded through HUD's [Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program \(MHSC\)](#). The grant recipient, Delta Volunteers of America Elderly Housing Inc. in Colorado, will convert 22 of its apartments into assisted living units. "These service coordinators help us connect senior citizens and those living with disabilities with the services they need to live independently," said HUD's Rocky Mountain Region Administrator Rick Garcia. "We're getting older as a nation and these grants go a long way toward ensuring these vulnerable populations are well served and allowed to age in place." Read more [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18 - Grand Opening of the Village at Westerly Creek in Aurora. (10745 East Kentucky Avenue)
- Jan. 23 – “Capitol Steps to Radon” event hosted by the nonprofit organization, Cancer Survivors Against Radon (CanSAR) at 12 noon. View [event invite](#).
- Jan. 23 – 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count for the Colorado Balance of the State. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tracy D’Alanno at [tracy\\_dalanno@abtassoc.com](mailto:tracy_dalanno@abtassoc.com) for more information.
- Jan. 25 - Housing Colorado Brown Bag Lunch event held at Palace Construction, 7 South Galapago Street at 11:30 am. Topic - Energy Efficiency Upgrades in Affordable Housing
- Jan. 29 – 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count for all 7 Denver Metro counties. Training is required. To register for either on-site or online training visit <http://metrodenverhomelessinitiative.wufoo.com>. For more information, please contact Rebecca Mayer at [rebecca.mayer@unitedwaydenver.org](mailto:rebecca.mayer@unitedwaydenver.org)
- Jan 30. – 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count for the Colorado Springs area. Training is required. Please contact Anne Beer at [abeer@ppunitedway.org](mailto:abeer@ppunitedway.org) for more information.

## MONTANA

### Registration is Open for HUD Green Academy

BOZEMAN - Registration is now open for HUD's Green Academy in Bozeman, Montana, February 11-15, 2013. This training is part of an exciting pilot initiative that offers green building training to HUD grantees and other affordable housing organizations. The vision of the initiative is to enable organizations to institutionalize sustainability and achieve higher levels of performance of the management of their housing portfolios. Comprehensive support through training, technical assistance and accreditation is completely subsidized by HUD and **free** to all participants. Attendees will leave these courses with easy, practical and low-cost practices that can be implemented right away to save energy and money. Participants will learn about how to implement practical, low-cost measures to save energy and reduce expense, finance green and energy efficient improvements, and how to make their affordable housing portfolio more sustainable.



**Sustainable  
Performance  
Institute**

The training will be conducted at the Montana Weatherization Center, 705 Osterman Drive, Bozeman, Montana. For more information or to register, visit <http://sustainable-performance.org/HUDGreenAcad> *(Please note, the application site works best with a browser other than Internet Explorer, such as Google Chrome or Firefox).*

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24 – Point In Time (PIT) Count for Montana. For more information about how to volunteer for Montana’s PIT, please contact your local [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).
- Feb. 11-15 - HUD Green Academy Training in Bozeman, Montana
- Feb. 21 - Housing Day at the Montana Capitol Building, Helena
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 1 - Serve Montana Symposium, Helena. View the event [invite](#).
- Apr. 9-11 – Low Income Housing Tax Credit Seminar in Missoula, Montana. Download registration form [here](#).
- Apr. 23-24 – Montana Fair Housing Conference, Cooper King 4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Montana. Download the Housing Conference 2013 Brochure [here](#).

## NORTH DAKOTA

### Cooper House Wins National Recognition

FARGO - Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FHRA) has been chosen as a winner of the prestigious National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Excellence in Program Innovation: Resident and Client Services for Cooper Housing, permanent supportive housing using the Housing First Hybrid Model. In 2006, the City of Fargo completed and adopted the “10-year plan to end homelessness” which identified the need for permanent supportive housing for dually diagnosed chronically homeless. After the City of Fargo first opened an overnight shelter with an attached detox center, Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority began working on Cooper House. Cooper House’s innovative multi-agency involvement provides residents support and services, 24 hours a day, on-site, to successfully maintain permanent housing. The community has realized a dramatic drop in emergency room visits, detox use, court, and police intervention.



The Cooper House Apartments, a development of Beyond Shelter, Inc., opened in May of 2010. HUD awarded \$120,645 to the Fargo Housing and Cooper House project through a new Supportive Housing Program the same year, giving the project a much needed boost. This 42 unit building was constructed to provide permanent supportive housing for people who are coming out of homelessness. “NAHRO members are leading the way through innovative and creative means in their communities to help the most vulnerable,” said NAHRO President Betsey Martens. “Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority, by using the Housing First model, have introduced a new way of combating homelessness in North Dakota, one which others can learn from for years to come.” Learn more [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24-25 – Point In Time (PIT) Count for North Dakota. For more information about how to volunteer for North Dakota’s PIT, please contact your local [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).
- Feb. 6-7 – North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Annual Housing Conference at the Ramkota Hotel, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND. Learn more [here](#).

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### South Dakota Housing Authority Hosts Annual Housing Conference

South Dakota Field Office Director Roger Jacobs participated in the annual Housing Conference in November, sponsored by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority. Jacobs staffed a HUD informational booth providing HUD program and service information to the attendees. He was also a panelist in the session “Launching the South Dakota Housing Opportunity Fund” (SDHOF). Jacobs spoke about the need for affordable housing and how the SDHOF could help leverage other funding and be a tool in the development of affordable housing. A group of individuals throughout South Dakota have been working on the



SDHOF proposal for the past year. If legislation is passed, the SDHOF will be a new state fund with revenue dedicated to enable communities all over South Dakota to create and preserve homes affordable to hardworking families, veterans, persons with disabilities, senior, and others.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 23 - South Dakota State Tribal Relations Day at the Capitol, with Tribal Listening Session on Housing. See event invite [here](#).
- Jan. 29 – Point In Time (PIT) Count for South Dakota. For more information about how to volunteer for South Dakota’s PIT, please contact your local [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).
- Feb. 26 - Mar. 1 & Mar. 26-29 - Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician Training - Sioux Falls, SD. Register [here](#).
- Mar. 18-22 - Certified Apartment Manager Training - Sioux Falls, SD. Learn more [here](#).

## UTAH

### Utah Hosts 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Summit

Public, private and non-profit homeless service providers gathered in Salt Lake City to discuss the challenges, successes and trends in serving Utah’s homeless during the Ninth Annual Homeless Summit Nov. 7 and Nov. 8, 2012. The Homeless Summit began with a ribbon cutting ceremony for Valor House on the Veterans Campus at the University of Utah. Participants were welcome to tour the Bud Bailey Apartments construction site at 4003 South West Temple. Participants also had the opportunity to listen to remarks from Utah’s Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell and keynote speaker Dr. Sam Tsemberis, founder of Pathways to Housing and the originator of the Housing First model of addressing homelessness among people with psychiatric disabilities.



Breakout session topics during the summit ranged from “Progressive Engagement” to “Working with Victims of Trauma” and were led by local experts. Read more [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 30 – Point In Time (PIT) Count for the Provo/Mountainland CoC in Utah. For more information about how to volunteer for Utah’s PIT, please contact your local [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).
- Jan. 30 - [Democracy Day with Community Action Partnership of Utah](#) at the State Capitol Building
- Feb. 6 – Utah Housing Coalition Meeting, 11:00am, at Utah State Capitol Building
- Mar. 6 – Utah Housing Coalition Meeting, 11:00am, at Palmer Court, 999 S Main Street, SLC
- Apr. 3 – Utah Housing Coalition Meeting, 11:00am, at Palmer Court, 999 S Main Street, SLC
- Apr. 17 - [Apartment Association and Fair Housing Conference](#) at the South Towne Expo Center, 9575 South State Street, Sandy, Utah

## WYOMING

### American Taxpayer Relief Act Impacts Housing Credit Rate

On Wednesday, January 2nd, President Obama signed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 putting the law into effect. One provision contained in this piece of legislation was the extension of the 9% Housing Credit rate for all projects that receive an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits before January 1, 2014. As a result the Wyoming Community Development Authority will underwrite all LIHTC applications received in the January 2013 application round at the 9% rate rather than the floating rate listed in the Affordable Housing Allocation Plan. Learn more by visiting the Wyoming Community Development Authority [webpage](#).



### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 21 – Point In Time (PIT) Count for Wyoming. For more information about how to volunteer for Wyoming’s PIT, please contact your local [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#).
- Feb. 19-21 - Gro-Biz Conference & Idea Expo in Cody, Wyoming. U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, Governor Matt Mead, and the 2013 GRO-Biz Conference and Idea Expo Planning Committee invite small businesses in Wyoming and nearby states to this annual event. Learn more [here](#).

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Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs  
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## Additional Funding Opportunities

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Ongoing** – The U.S. Department of Labor is accepting applications for "[Stand Down](#)" grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's [Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program](#).
- **Ongoing** – Applications are being accepted for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration's (EDA) [Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program](#) grants to create regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.
- **Ongoing** – [Wells Fargo Homeownership](#) grant program to help local nonprofit housing organizations create sustainable homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate-income people.
- **Ongoing** – The Surdna Foundation offers funding to nonprofit organizations that seek to help communities build wealth in a sustainable manner. Letters of Inquiry accepted year around. For more information on the application process, click [here](#).
- **Jan. 25** – Applications are due for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families [Assets for Independence](#) program.
- **Feb. 1** – [The Corporation for National and Community Service](#) is offering funding to nonprofits and local and state governments to establish AmeriCorps programs that will offer AmeriCorps volunteers the opportunity to become involved in a range of community improvement activities.
- **Feb. 1** – [The Department of Veterans Affairs](#) is offering grants to nonprofits to provide supportive services to very low-income veteran families, especially those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

## HUD Resources

### Check out the new PD&R Edge Mobile App!

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually estimates Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for 530 metropolitan areas and 2,045 nonmetropolitan county FMR areas. HUD also sets income limits annually to determine the eligibility of applicants for HUD's assisted housing programs. FMRs are used to determine payment standard amounts for the various assisted housing programs and to serve as a rent ceiling in the HOME rental assistance program. This map-based app allows users to search FMRs and income limits by current location or by metropolitan area, county, zipcode and/or address. Download this app now to determine payment amounts and rent thresholds for HUD's housing assistance programs, and discover the income limits established by HUD for households of different sizes in each location to determine eligibility for a variety of programs. Learn more [here](#).



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## Grantee Spotlight



Communities across the country are increasingly turning toward energy efficiency as a cost-effective strategy to achieve energy savings. [The International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology](#), also known as iCast, is a Colorado-based nonprofit which is bringing a new approach to energy efficiency. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently awarded iCast a 30 month grant under HUD's new Energy Innovation Fund (EIF) program. The cooperative agreement allows iCast to offer the low-income multifamily housing community a unique combination of incentives, rebates, and financing options. To date, iCast has successfully completed hundreds of energy efficiency upgrades on HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Affordable Housing residences.

HUD's Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator and the Senior Advisor to the Secretary on Sustainability Rick M. Garcia said "Federal economic stimulus of the last few years helped to spur local job creation and also brought about a renewed awareness of energy conservation and efficiency. Low to moderate income renters have become more energy-conscious as a result. The paradigm for new construction and rehabs is that we can deliver workforce housing that is both affordable and conserves resources." iCast is one example of the many ways HUD works with local groups to reduce energy consumption and provide savings for both multi-family property owners and tenants. To learn more about HUD's Energy Innovation Fund visit <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal>

Last fall the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in partnership with the Council on Foundations, named the [Telluride Foundation](#) one of the first 10 winners of a new awards program to recognize community foundations for the excellent work they do along with their public partners in the areas of housing and community development.



*HUD Regional Administrator, Rick Garcia, congratulates, President and CEO of Telluride Foundation, Paul Major*

The new **HUD Secretary's Award for Community Foundations** honors community foundations that work closely with the public sector on projects involving housing and neighborhood improvements, education, health and recreation, transportation, community participation, arts and culture, public safety, sustainability, and economic development.

"By offering a permanent, stable fund to invest in community improvement and economic development, the Telluride Foundation is creating lasting and positive change in Telluride," said Rick Garcia, Regional Administrator for HUD Region VIII. "The 10 awardees, and all our community foundation members, represent lives improved, neighborhoods saved, jobs

created, people trained, kids educated, and homes built," said Vikki N. Spruill, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations. "Philanthropy is hard at work investing in America's communities, addressing challenges head on, and innovating for a better future.

