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# Department of Housing and Urban Development

**23 office(s), 65 location(s), 8,470 employees, and 1,117 new hire(s)** in Fiscal Year 2023

The mission of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD or the Department) is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize

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housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business.


Advancing environmental justice is core to the mission of HUD. Investing in environmental improvements, remedying past environmental inequities, and otherwise developing, implementing, and enforcing laws and policies in a manner that advances environmental equity and provides meaningful involvement for people and communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened, such as low-income communities, Black and Brown communities, Tribal Nations and Indigenous groups, and individuals with disabilities.

To learn more about environmental justice at HUD, please visit HUD's [environmental justice website](#) .

Some examples of well-known HUD offices, bureaus, or agencies are:

- The Office of Housing
- The Office of Public and Indian Housing
- The Office of Community Planning and Development

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## Progress on Advancing Environmental Justice

This section demonstrates key progress on advancing environmental justice at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

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### Key Highlights ([show less ^](#))

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#### **HUD Launched the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program**

The Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP), funded by the President's Inflation Reduction Act, seeks to amplify recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bring a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. Launched in FY 2023, GRRP is the first HUD program to simultaneously invest in energy efficiency, greenhouse gas

emissions reductions, energy generation, green and healthy housing, and climate resilience strategies specifically in HUD-assisted multifamily housing. All the investments under the GRRP will be made in affordable housing communities serving low-income families in alignment with the President's Justice40 Initiative. The Inflation Reduction Act provided HUD with \$837.5 million in grant and loan subsidy funding and \$4 billion in loan commitment authority for this program. In FY 2023, HUD awarded \$105 million, which will improve over 9,900 homes for low-income families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

[Learn more](#) 

### **Fair Housing Planning Toolkit: A How-To Guide for HUD Program Participants**

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 not only prohibits discrimination, but also directs HUD to ensure that the agency and its program participants proactively take

meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in housing-related opportunities, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination. This is the Fair Housing Act's mandate to affirmatively further fair housing. In January 2021, HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Interim Final Rule (IFR) [reinstated](#) a process by which HUD will provide technical assistance and other support to program participants who are engaged in fair housing planning. The IFR requires program participants to submit certifications that they will affirmatively further fair housing in connection with their consolidated plans, annual action plans, and Public Housing Authorities (PHA) plans. To support these certifications, the IFR creates a voluntary Fair Housing Planning process for which HUD will provide technical assistance and support. The IFR remains in effect during proposed rulemaking. In April 2023, HUD published and is continuing to update its interactive

[Fair Housing Planning Toolkit](#) , a “How-To Guide” for HUD program participants. The modules in this toolkit guide a program participant through undertaking fair housing planning and could provide a roadmap for HUD funding recipients to take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination, which could include disparate access to healthy environments, neighborhoods, and homes.

**Learn more** 

## HUD Announced Over \$30 Billion in Renewal Funding for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

In April 2023, HUD announced over \$30.3 billion for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program for 2023. This historic, \$2.9 billion (10.5%) increase over the prior year's funding will help Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) maintain rental assistance for 2.3 million low-income families, address recent inflation in rents, and enable more low-income families to use housing vouchers to afford a safe, decent place to call home.

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## Justice40 Initiative

This section demonstrates progress on the implementation of the Justice40 Initiative at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.


### Overview

## What is the Justice40 Initiative?

The Justice40 Initiative set

HUD strongly supports the President's Justice40 Initiative, which set a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable, and other investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. HUD will strive to maximize investments in low-income and disadvantaged communities, in line with HUD's obligations under the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other civil rights authorities.

HUD has developed a centralized hub site on HUD Exchange, the [Build for the Future](#) page, to connect program participants with information and resources about climate resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, environmental justice, and other topics. This includes the [Build for the Future Funding Navigator](#), a searchable database of funding and technical assistance opportunities that includes HUD's Justice40 covered programs, funded or created by the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and also includes other opportunities across federal agencies to support efforts to invest in climate resilience.

For more information on HUD's Justice40 covered programs, please contact [Justice40@hud.gov](mailto:Justice40@hud.gov) 

the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

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## Justice40 Covered Programs ([show less](#) ^)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has:

- **26** Justice40 covered program(s), including **2** Justice40 covered program(s) that is/are funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, or both

### Progress on the Justice40 Initiative

Through President Biden's [Investing in America](#) agenda and other sources, **HUD** has:

approximately

**\$132 billion**

in funds available to obligate (i.e., to spend) in Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 - 2027 through its Justice40 covered programs.<sup>1</sup>

Through President Biden's [Justice40 Initiative](#), **HUD** is working to deliver benefits to disadvantaged communities. Each program that is part of the Justice40 Initiative delivers benefits in at least one of

[seven investment categories](#) , and many programs are delivering benefits to communities across multiple categories of investment. The **26** covered program(s) at **HUD** working to deliver benefits for communities include:

- **4** program(s) protecting communities from the impacts of climate change
- **1** program(s) advancing clean and affordable energy for communities
- **26** program(s) advancing affordable and sustainable housing
- **1** program(s) addressing the remediation and reduction of legacy pollution

Overall, agencies are making concrete, tangible improvements to benefit disadvantaged communities across America through the Justice40 Initiative. These investments are resulting in cleaner air and water, more affordable clean energy, good-paying jobs, and other results that people are seeing and feeling today and into the future.

<sup>1</sup>*In the Phase Two Scorecard, the Justice40 Initiative section contains information about*

*federal investments that Congress has funded through both discretionary and mandatory appropriations, as well as supplemental appropriations, such as those that Congress made in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Pub. L. 117-58) and the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117-169). The Phase Two Scorecard includes information on each agency's budget authority (that is, the total amount of funds that Congress has appropriated to the agency to spend on Justice40 covered programs) and the period of availability (that is, the period of time over which Congress has authorized the agency to spend the funds).*

*In some cases, agencies may not yet have the authority to spend the full amount indicated, such as when Congress has appropriated funds that will only become available in future Fiscal Years. Agencies provided the data presented here in spring 2024, and therefore the data does not reflect the annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 that Congress made in March 2024.*

*Thus, the information that the Phase Two Scorecard presents in this section includes what the agency has available to spend in its Justice40 covered programs (i.e., its budget authority). These figures represent the total funding amount for all Justice40 covered programs, not only the portion that benefits disadvantaged communities.*

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## **Justice40 Covered Program Highlights ([show less ^](#))**

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development is delivering benefits, or is projected to deliver benefits, for disadvantaged communities through grants or awards made through its Justice40 covered programs, such as:

## **HUD Awarded Over \$38 Million to Protect Children and Families from Home Health Hazards**

In February 2023, HUD awarded over \$38 million to city, county, and Native American Tribal governments, and non-profit organizations in 17 states to protect children and families from home health hazards. HUD is providing these 23 grants through its Healthy Homes Production Grant Program, part of the Justice40 covered program Lead Hazard Reduction and Health Homes Grants, to identify and mitigate health and safety hazards in the homes of families of low-income.

**Learn more** 

## **HUD Awarded More Than \$794 Million for Affordable Housing Activities in Tribal Communities**

In February 2023, HUD announced more than \$794 million in Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula funding for eligible Native American Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities to carry out affordable housing activities in Tribal communities. The IHBG program is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities on reservations and related areas.

**Learn more** 

## **HUD Awarded \$98 Million in Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

In April 2023, HUD announced “Supplemental Grant” awards for Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grantees, totaling more than \$98 million. Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants assist in the redevelopment of severely distressed HUD-assisted properties into mixed-income communities. The program has a three-pronged “Housing, People, and Neighborhood” approach by supporting (1) redevelopment of distressed properties, (2) support to housing residents related to the health, education, and income, and (3) neighborhood improvement projects which promote economic development and private investment. Since the program’s inception, the Choice Neighborhoods program has seen 11,000 new mixed-income units built across 44 cities. More than 32,000 units are planned with Choice Neighborhood funding.

**Learn more** 

## Funding Announcements

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development has:

- **40** funding announcement(s) covered under the Justice40 Initiative
- **Over \$35 billion** available through Justice40 covered program(s) funding announcements<sup>2</sup>

## HUD Made Available Over \$30 Billion for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

In April 2023, HUD announced the availability of \$30.3 billion for the [Housing Choice Voucher Program](#) for 2023. This funding will help Public Housing Authorities maintain rental assistance for 2.3 million low-income families, address recent inflation in rents, and enable more low-income families to use housing vouchers to afford a safe, decent place to call home.

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## **HUD Announced \$568 Million to Address Lead-Based Paint and Additional Housing-Related Hazards**

In January 2023, HUD announced two historic Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) that will make homes healthier and safer for low-income families. Since 1993, HUD has made more than \$2.7 billion available to protect children, families, and individuals from exposure to lead and other hazards in their homes.

[Learn more](#) 

## **HUD Opened a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Choice Neighborhoods**

HUD announced the availability of \$10 million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants funding to support locally driven

planning efforts. Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants are two-year grants of up to \$500,000 each that assist communities with severely distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing in developing a comprehensive neighborhood transformation plan that meets the “Housing, People, and Neighborhood” goals of the program. Grant funds also support an early action activity to foster engagement and build the momentum necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. Public housing authorities, local governments, Tribal entities, and nonprofits with distressed HUD-assisted housing are encouraged to apply.

**Learn more** 

<sup>2</sup>Further, this section also includes funding that was made available through an agency's Justice40 covered programs in FY 2023. The funding was made available through various mechanisms, like grants, loans, agreements, contracts, notices of funding opportunity, and other funding announcements. These funding announcements were from Justice40 covered programs that were funded through discretionary and mandatory appropriations, as well as supplemental appropriations, such as those enacted under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Pub. L. 117-58) and the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117-169).

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## Covered Program Design or Modification ([show less ^](#))

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development made program or design modifications to maximize benefits and/or remove barriers or constraints for disadvantaged communities, such as:

## **HUD Established the New Green and Resilient Retrofit Program**

The Green Resilient and Retrofit Program will advance environmental justice by serving low-income families and disadvantaged communities in alignment with the President's Justice40 Initiative by improving the utility efficiency of affordable housing, promoting access to green technology and jobs, and strengthening affordable homes to be more resilient against extreme weather events, leading to the preservation of quality affordable housing into the future.

**Learn more** 

## **HUD Opened a New \$10 Million Funding Opportunity for Local Planning Efforts**

HUD announced the availability of \$10 million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants funding to support locally driven planning efforts. Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants are two-year grants of up to \$500,000 each that assist communities with severely distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing in developing a comprehensive neighborhood transformation plan that meets the “Housing, People, and Neighborhood” goals of the program. These new grant funds also support an early action activity to foster engagement and build the momentum necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. Public housing authorities, local governments, Tribal entities, and nonprofits with distressed HUD-assisted housing are encouraged to apply.

**Learn more** 

## **HUD Housing-Related Hazards and Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program New Emphasis on Life-Threatening Hazards**

In May 2023, HUD published new National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE), which were incorporated into a funding announcement for HUD's Capital Fund Program. The FY 2024 funding announcement further emphasized the risks of life-threatening health hazards to residents. In May 2024, HUD announced nearly \$90 million to reduce residential health hazards for public housing, including lead-based paint hazards, carbon monoxide, mold, radon, and fire safety, which will also help advance President Biden's Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan.

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### **Justice40 In Action ([show less](#) ^ )**

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development is delivering benefits, or is projected to deliver benefits, for disadvantaged communities through the Justice40 Initiative, including:

## **HUD Awarded Green Resilient and Retrofit Program Funding to a 202-Unit, Fully Assisted Property in Port Arthur, Texas**

Crystal Creek is a 202-unit property located in Port Arthur, Texas, fully assisted with Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) – located in a disadvantaged community. Owners of the property are interested in leveraging recapitalization funding to reduce racial disparities in the region regarding the equitable distribution of sustainability and resiliency resources. Building improvements may include heat pump installations, LED lighting upgrades, the reduction of carbon emissions from heating and cooling, and conversion to low flow plumbing fixtures in residential kitchens and bathrooms. A major component owners would like to address during this project is improving the property’s resilience to major weather events. Crystal Creek is located near the Gulf of Mexico and, according to the National Risk Index, may experience significant hurricane, riverine flooding, ice storm, lightning, and tornado threats. The property has been impacted by five major hurricanes since 1986. Crystal Creek was

selected to receive a Green Resilient and Retrofit Program (GRRP) loan of \$16.16 million and will undergo a thorough suite of assessments with a HUD-procured contractor to determine how GRRP funding will be applied.

### **HUD Awarded the City of Memphis \$5.7 Million to Address Lead Hazards in 125 Housing Units**

In August FY 2023, HUD advanced the goal of delivering benefits to disadvantaged communities to protect children and families, including those who are low-income, from lead-based paint and other health hazards, by awarding nearly \$140 million Justice40 funding to protect families from lead hazards. For example, the City of Memphis, Tennessee was awarded \$5.7 million to address lead hazards in 125 housing units; the city is working with medical and social service providers on this effort.

[Learn more](#) 



## Environmental and Civil Rights Protection

Federal agencies are advancing environmental justice by carrying out their responsibilities under the law to identify and address disproportionate and adverse public health and environmental, climate-related, and cumulative impacts on communities with environmental justice concerns. Agencies are working to ensure that all communities experience the protection of our country's bedrock environmental laws. The following information reflects some of the environmental and civil rights work at the Department of Housing and Urban Development has done in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

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### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Environmental Justice ([show less ^](#))

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This section demonstrates progress on environmental protections, such as the National Environmental Policy Act, at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

All HUD-assisted projects consider the

### What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires

proposed project's environmental effects on the surrounding environment and the property site itself. Not every project may be subject to a full environmental review (i.e., every project's environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related federal and state environmental laws.

## Training

- **10** agency training(s) on how to consider environmental justice considerations during NEPA reviews
- **181** employees trained on how to consider environmental justice during NEPA reviews

For example, in FY 2023, HUD conducted staff-level training on environmental justice during the NEPA environmental review process. Participants gained an understanding of how to consider disproportionate environmental impact factors, including disproportionate levels of harmful, sometimes combined, environmental exposures, while identifying environmental harms in communities with environmental justice concerns. HUD provides extensive online training materials on the [HUD Exchange](#).

federal agencies to consider and disclose the environmental health and community impacts of certain decisions or actions before taking them.

[Learn more](#) 

## Environmental or Health Protection ([show less ^](#))

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This section demonstrates progress by the Department of Housing and Urban Development on environmental or health protection that also advances environmental justice in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

HUD takes every step to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. This includes advancing policies, rulemakings, and enforcement to protect the environment and to provide everyone who calls America home with equality and opportunity in the pursuit of housing.

## HUD's Rule for Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)

On March 24, 2023, HUD published its [proposed rule](#) , Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands; Minimum Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure; Building to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, taking a major step in addressing future flood risk and ensuring the safety of HUD-assisted residents and federal investments.

[Finalized in April 2024](#) , the rule will increase the required elevation for HUD-assisted new construction, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Minimum Property Standards, and, for grant and subsidy programs and multifamily FHA-insured projects required to comply with 24 CFR Part 55, substantially improved structures within the FFRMS floodplain. The rule also clarifies and strengthens public notice and flood insurance requirements to increase awareness of flood risk for HUD-assisted renters and homeowners.

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**Civil Rights and Environmental Justice** ([show less](#) ^)

This section demonstrates progress on civil rights related to environmental justice, for example, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or relevant laws other than Title VI of the Civil Rights Act at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination, you can [file a complaint](#) with HUD. In addition to HUD's Title VI authorities,

HUD also enforces the Fair Housing Act, which not only prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, and familial status, but also requires HUD and HUD funding recipients to take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination, which could include disparate access to healthy environments, neighborhoods, and homes.

In March 2023, HUD restored the “Discriminatory Effects” rule, codifying long-standing caselaw for adjudication of Fair Housing Act cases under the discriminatory effects doctrine, which is a tool for addressing policies that unnecessarily cause systemic inequality in housing, regardless of

discriminatory intent. It has long been used to challenge policies that unnecessarily exclude people from housing opportunities, including for example discriminatory zoning requirements, lending and property insurance policies, and criminal records policies. A workable discriminatory effects standard is vital for HUD to accomplish its goal of creating a housing market that is free from discrimination.

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## Title VI and Environmental Justice ([show less](#) ^)

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This section demonstrates progress on civil rights related to environmental justice, such as under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

HUD is committed to addressing environmental inequities through enforcement of federal fair housing and civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In May 2023, HUD entered into a [compliance agreement](#) with the City of Chicago, Illinois and community groups to alleviate existing and prevent future environmental burdens, such as pollution, and increase opportunities for environmentally burdened communities to participate in

### What is Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that no person be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to

decision-making processes. Under this agreement, the City of Chicago will complete a comprehensive study of environmental burdens, health conditions, and social stressors across Chicago and use that study to inform and advance reforms to land use, permitting, and environmental enforcement policies and procedures. The agreement resolves HUD findings of noncompliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for

the City of Chicago and arose from a complaint filed by the three community-based environmental advocacy organizations alleging city actions and policies shifted polluting activities from predominantly white neighborhoods to predominantly Black and Hispanic neighborhoods that were known to the city to be overburdened by environmental hazards. For more background on the complaint and the city's actions, please read HUD's [findings](#) .

- **1** open Title VI investigation(s) or compliance review(s) related to environmental justice
- **4** closed Title VI investigation(s) or resolution agreement(s) related to environmental justice

## Training

discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance on account of race, color, or national origin.

- **9** agency training(s) on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and environmental justice
- **659** employee(s) trained on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and environmental justice

## Centering Environmental Justice in Decision-Making

This section demonstrates progress on community engagement (e.g., partnerships with non-federal organizations, technical assistance, and public processes) and partnership and consultation with Tribal Nations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

In April 2023, HUD [convened](#) the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee meeting. The two-day convening included Tribal leaders from across the continental United States and Alaska that make up the HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. The meeting focused on Nation-to-Nation relationships with Tribal governments, Tribal Sovereignty, housing needs and challenges in Indian Country, and funding for Tribal housing and community development programs.

HUD took a step forward to advance equity,



fair housing, and civil rights in the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant funds. The February 2022 Consolidated Notice requires all recipients of CDBG-DR funding to assess whether the planned use of CDBG-DR funds will have an unjustified discriminatory effect on or failure to benefit communities, particularly in concentrated areas of poverty. CDBG-DR grantees must also explore how their allocated funds may address environmental injustices facing vulnerable populations and communities that have experienced environmental burdens. In FY 2023, HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Office of Disaster Recovery provided technical assistance and guidance to 17 CDBG-DR grantees completing Action Plans, to ensure grantees are addressing their fair housing and civil rights obligations.

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### Technical Assistance ([show less ^](#))

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- **Thousands of** technical assistance outreach event(s) to improve access and information about federal programs related to environmental justice

For more information on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's technical assistance events, please visit

<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/technical-assistance/>

### Technical Assistance at HUD

HUD's technical assistance provides resources, tools, and support for recipients of HUD funding, such as state and local government grantees, public housing authorities, Tribes and Tribally-designated housing entities, Continuums of Care, and nonprofits. Thousands of technical assistance events that involve environmental justice occur across HUD's 26 Justice40 programs and 65 local offices. HUD also conducts technical assistance across HUD's non-Justice40 covered programs. For example, HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity works closely with jurisdictions who conduct voluntary fair housing planning.

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### Public Processes ([show less ^](#))

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- **10** public process(es) related to environmental justice, e.g., requests for information or listening sessions,

including:

### **Modernizing the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program**

Following the first-time the Department [asked the public](#) for feedback in December 2022 on how to simplify, modernize, and more equitably distribute critical disaster recovery funds through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, HUD established the Office of Disaster Management and the Office of Disaster Recovery and hired dozens of new HUD staff to expedite the recovery processes.

## Lead-Based Paint Technical Workshop

In July 2023, EPA and HUD announced a virtual public workshop to receive stakeholder input on the detection, measurement, and characterization of lead-based paint to support efforts to reduce lead exposure. The workshop was held in November 2023.

Information received during the workshop will inform a joint effort to revisit the federal definition of lead-based paint and propose and finalize a revised definition.

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## Partnership and Consultation with Tribal Nations ([show less](#) ^ )

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This section demonstrates progress on Tribal partnerships and consultations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including steps that that agencies take to respect Tribal sovereignty and ensure government-to-government consultation on federal policies in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

HUD's [government-to-government Tribal consultation policy](#).

guides HUD's planning and management activities, including its budget, operating guidance, legislative initiatives, management accountability system, and ongoing policy and regulation development processes for all programs affecting Tribes. In FY 2023, HUD convened the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee meeting, focusing on Nation-to-Nation relationships with Tribal governments, Tribal Sovereignty, housing needs and challenges in Indian Country, and funding for Tribal housing and community development programs.

- **20** Tribal Consultation(s) related to environmental justice

### **Consultation on the Coordinated Environmental Review Process Implementation Plan**

HUD conducted a Tribal consultation to receive feedback to inform the development of HUD's Environmental Review Process Implementation Plan.

### **Consultation on Tribal Directory Assessment Tool Enhancement Project**

HUD conducted a Tribal consultation to receive feedback to inform HUD's Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) Enhancement Project.

### **Consultation on HUD's Draft Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice**

HUD conducted a Tribal consultation to receive feedback to inform HUD's Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process Notice.

- **2** Tribal listening sessions and other engagements related to environmental justice

For example, HUD facilitated two Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee meetings (TIAC). The TIAC provided several policy recommendations that HUD is actively considering and implementing.

### **Training**

- **Over 10** agency training(s) on Tribal Consultation or working with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples to advance environmental justice
- **200** employees trained on Tribal Consultation or working with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples to advance environmental justice

For example, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) leads the Department's Tribal consultation and Tribal engagement work. In FY 2023, HUD facilitated a number of staff webinars and informational sessions to discuss ONAP's work with employees across the Department.

## Institutionalizing Environmental Justice

This section demonstrates progress to institutionalize environmental justice at the Department of Housing and Urban Development including to implement [Executive Order 14008](#) and [Executive Order 14096](#), in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which is from October 2022 to September 2023.

### Overview

HUD is working to implement its 2021 Climate Action Plan (CAP), which considers the impacts from climate change on the

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communities most vulnerable to these impacts. CAP goals are to pursue environmental justice, promote environmental justice with Tribal communities, create green job opportunities, and encourage equitable community planning and engagement and healthy housing initiatives. The CAP also seeks to increase climate resilience, implement practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and build community capacity through providing climate resilience and environmental justice training. HUD is [updating](#) its Environmental Justice Strategy to enhance HUD's efforts to communicate and engage with environmentally underserved or overburdened communities on environmental justice activities and provide increased opportunities for meaningful community involvement in the Department's decision-making process.

- **205** staff who work on environmental justice, either in a full- or part-time capacity
- **2** new or strengthened office(s) or program(s) on environmental justice

## Training

- **Over 19** agency training(s) for staff on environmental justice

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## Advancing Environmental

## g Trust through Resident-Centered Neighborhood Transformation

In August 2023, the City of Syracuse, New York received Thriving Communities Technical Assistance (TCTA) to strengthen community engagement as a foundation for neighborhood transformation. The city began construction on the Interstate 81 (I-81) viaduct removal



## Justice Policy ([show less ^](#))

- **Has** issued or updated policy, guidance, or directives related to environmental justice (internal or external)

### Establishment of the Office of Disaster Management

Based on the increasing number of disasters and the increasingly important role that HUD is playing in the federal government's preparedness, response, and recovery efforts, in March 2023, HUD [announced](#) the establishment of the Office of Disaster Management in the Office of the Deputy Secretary, and the Office of Disaster Recovery within the Office of Community Planning and Development, which included the addition of dozens of new HUD staff members to help expedite recovery processes.

project, supported by a Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities planning grant. The original I-81 construction divided a once-thriving primarily Black community in the 15th Ward, displacing more than 1,200 families and 400 businesses. Next year, the Syracuse Housing Authority will begin construction on a new

## HUD Advanced Equitable Climate Resilience Planning in the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program

In July 2023, HUD advanced equitable climate resilience planning by requiring public housing authorities (PHAs) and owners participating in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program to establish property-specific disaster recovery plans under the [RAD Supplemental Notice 4B](#) . PHAs and owners are also required to detail plans for evacuating individuals with disabilities in disaster recovery plans.

- **Has** assessed barriers and obstacles related to regulations, policies, or practices, including historical inequities
- Over the past four years **is working** to create an Environmental Justice Strategic Plan pursuant to [Executive Order 14096](#)

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**Advancing Environmental Justice Tools or Resources**  
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housing development, including redevelopment of public housing, as part of the New 15th Ward project. TCTA will help city staff develop strategies for coordinating timelines across the housing and transportation projects and strengthen community engagement to rebuild trust among residents. A key goal is to ensure residents'

- **7** tool(s) or resources that advance environmental justice, including access to health, environmental or other impacts, such as:

needs are central to decisions about the housing and transportation projects that will transform their neighborhood.

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## Citizen Participation and Climate Resilience Toolkit

The Citizen Participation and Equitable Climate Engagement Toolkit is a resource to aid grantees of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery, a Justice40 covered program, in centering equity in their disaster recovery programs through an enhanced community and public participation process that actively involves people who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality in their own recovery. The primary goal of community participation is to provide residents – especially low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents of the community where HUD-funded activities will take place – the opportunity to actively participate in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the programs and projects.

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## **Build for the Future Funding Navigator**

HUD has developed a centralized hub site, the Build for the Future page, to connect program participants with information and resources about climate resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, environmental justice, and other topics. This includes the Build for the Future Funding Navigator, a searchable database of funding and technical assistance opportunities under the Inflation Reduction Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and others across federal agencies to support efforts to invest in climate resilience.

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## Fair Housing Considerations in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan Development Grantee Guide and Resources

This guide provides recommendations and examples to help recipients of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding effectively prepare the fair housing and civil rights-related elements of CDBG-DR Action Plans. This guide also provides grantees with data sources that may be helpful in understanding their community and in fulfilling data and analysis requirements to meet civil rights obligations.

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## Advancing Institutional Partnerships or Federal Advisory Committees ([show less](#) ^)

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- **1** new or strengthened internal agency working group(s), committee(s), or partnership(s) to

advance environmental justice, or new federal advisory committee(s) on environmental justice

- **1** new or existing federal advisory committee(s) related to environmental justice

### **Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee**

HUD convened the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) to strengthen the Nation-to-Nation relationship between HUD and Tribal communities, coordinate policy across all HUD programs, and advise on housing priorities of Tribal and Alaska Native communities. TIAC intends to supplement existing Tribal consultation engagements. The establishment of this committee builds on consistent engagement between HUD and Tribes across the country.

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## **Interagency Collaboration** ([show less](#) ^)

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HUD participates in the  
[White House Environmental Justice  
Interagency Council](#)

(IAC), which President Biden established in 2021 and expanded in 2023 through executive orders on tackling the climate crisis and environmental justice.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development worked side-by-side with other federal agencies to advance a whole of government approach to environmental justice, including:



## **Memorandum of Understanding to Support More Affordable Housing in Nevada**

In August 2023, the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and the Interior announced a new action to make it easier and more affordable for local communities in the Las Vegas metropolitan area to obtain federal land to build affordable housing. With the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Departments established a process to make eligible public lands available for \$100 an acre, far below the fair market value, for the construction of critically needed affordable housing projects in Southern Nevada.

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## Thriving Communities Program

The Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program aims to ensure disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive. HUD is offering technical assistance as part of the Thriving Communities Network, an interagency initiative among the Departments of Transportation, HUD, Energy, Commerce, and Agriculture, as well as the General Services Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency as historic amounts of infrastructure funding reach communities across the country.

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