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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards \$2.8 Billion to Local Homeless Programs

In a [press release](#) Tuesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded \$2.8 billion in grants to support local homeless assistance programs across the country. The awards, provided under the 2022 Continuum of Care ([CoC](#)) grant funding, will provide support to thousands of local programs that help individuals and families experiencing homelessness move into permanent housing.

According to the announcement, the \$2.8 billion of total awards included approximately \$80 million for noncompetitive Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) renewal and replacement grants. The 2022 awards also included over \$52 million for new projects that will support housing and service needs for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

A list of awards by state is included in the press release. To view a complete list of all the state and local homeless projects awarded funding, click [here](#).

HUD Announces Disaster Assistance for Mississippi Tornadoes Victims

In another [press release](#) Tuesday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster relief for the state of Mississippi to assist state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes from March 24 to March 25, 2023.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on March 26, 2023, allows HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals in the counties of Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey. Effective immediately, the department will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH 2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Provide administrative flexibility to tribes and their tribally designated housing entities through regulatory waivers.
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding is also available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in the counties of Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey, and for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.



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