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HUD Makes Available Additional \$3.3 Million to Support COVID-19 Related Fair Housing Activities

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it is making available an additional \$3,285,353 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to help HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) agencies combat housing discrimination related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organizations that qualify for the funding, which is being awarded through FHIP's Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) component, will be able to use the money to conduct a range of fair housing enforcement and education and outreach activities, including addressing discriminatory practices in underserved communities. In addition, the funding can be used to respond to housing inquiries, conduct fair housing testing, provide legal assistance, and cover costs associated with providing services related to the pandemic.

The funds constitute the third round of ARP funding that targets COVID-19 related discrimination. According to the announcement, to date, approximately \$16.1 million in ARP funding has been awarded to 62 FHIP agencies working to address the unequal impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on communities of color, low-income communities, and other vulnerable populations.

Applicants who are interested in applying for funding can obtain a copy of the specific notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)), forms, instructions, and other application materials [here](#) at [Grants.gov](#). Additional information can be found on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website. Applications must be received by **May 5, 2022**.

PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published the first issue of [Cityscape](#) for 2022. The theme for this [issue](#) is "An Evaluation of the Impact and Potential of Opportunity Zones." Articles that may be of interest include:

- [Enhancing Returns from Opportunity Zone Projects by Combining Federal, State, and Local Tax Incentives to Bolster Community Impact](#)
- [A Typology of Opportunity Zones Based on Potential Housing Investments and Community Outcomes](#)
- [Classifying Opportunity Zones — A Model-Based Clustering Approach](#)
- [The Impact of Qualified Opportunity Zones on Existing Single-Family House Prices](#)
- [Collaboration to Support Further Redevelopment and Revitalization in Communities with Opportunity Zones](#)

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