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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Assistance for New Mexico Disaster Survivors

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas of New Mexico affected by wildfires and straight-line winds beginning on April 5, 2022, and continuing.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on May 4, 2022, allows HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals in the counties of Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel, and Valencia. Federal funding is also available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support in the impacted counties. 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.
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.

FHEO Launches Table Talks Series Website

In an email last Friday to the [HUD Exchange mailing list](#), HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity ([FHEO](#)) announced that it has launched the [FHEO Table Talks Series website](#) on the [HUD Exchange](#). The series engages HUD representatives and stakeholders in discussing relevant and timely fair housing and racial equity topics. It includes discussions with experts, practitioners, leaders, and activists engaged in work relevant to fair and equal housing opportunities. The primary goals of the FHEO Table Talks Series are to educate HUD grantees about various barriers to fair housing, discuss methods for developing stronger partnerships with community stakeholders, and address the implementation of fair housing policies and programs. You can watch the following episodes on the new website:

- [Examining Socioeconomic Structures to Improve Racial Economic Equality](#)
- [Public Policies and Racial Equality: The Impacts of Policy on the Lives of Returning Citizens, in Housing and Employment](#)
- [Racial Disparities in Homeownership and Achieving Racial Equity and Fair Housing in Underserved Communities](#)
- [Exploring the Inequities in Accessing Healthcare and the Impact It Has on Housing Stability](#)
- [Changing Perceptions to Change Lives: Disability Rights and the Barriers that Still Exist](#)
- [Advancing Fair Housing and Racial Equity: Why it Matters](#)
- [Who's Keeping Score? The Impact of Credit Scoring in Underserved Communities](#)
- [HIV, Housing, and Healthcare: Ending the Epidemic in the LGBTQ+ Community](#)
- [Shaping Housing Policies & Practices to Support AANHPI Communities](#)

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