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## GENERAL NEWS

### HUD Publishes Quarterly Regulatory Waivers

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a list of the regulatory waivers that it granted during the second quarter of calendar year 2021. HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) did not grant any waivers during this quarter, although, as you know, the CARES Act notices did provide waivers during this time.

### HUD Posts Materials for ConnectHome Virtual Summit

Last Friday on the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing [announced](#) that it has posted materials from the three-day virtual summit it held recently for ConnectHomeUSA ([CHUSA](#)). The event, took place October 4 to October 6, included presentations that covered a range of digital inclusion topics and featured speakers from CHUSA communities, federal agencies, stakeholders, and other advocates for digital inclusion. The following webinars and associated materials from the summit have now been posted:

- [Keynote Speaker and Building and Maintaining Community Partnerships](#)
- [Strategies for Engaging Hard-to-Reach Residents](#)
- [Federal Funding for Broadband](#)
- [Using CDBG Funding for Broadband](#)
- [Making Inclusive, Digital Ready Communities Through Makerspaces](#)
- [Innovative Approaches to Digital Inclusion](#)
- [Developing and Updating Your Action Plan and Recognizing CHUSA Communities](#)

You can find more information on the summit, plus links to the webinars, materials, and other resources on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

## CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

### HUD Awards \$3.6 Million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$3.6 million to eight communities across the country to help create plans to redevelop severely distressed HUD-assisted housing and revitalize neighborhoods. The funds are being provided under the [Choice Neighborhoods planning grants](#). A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the [press release](#). To read the summaries of the grants, click [here](#).

Planning grants are two-year grants that assist communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.



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