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Historic North Carolina Hospital Wins Historic Preservation Award

In a [press release](#) dated October 27, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ([ACHP](#)) announced that the Historic Ashe Hospital in Jefferson, North Carolina, was the recipient of the [2020 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation](#). This annual award recognizes developers, organizations, and agencies for successfully advancing historic preservation, while providing affordable housing and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate-income families and individuals.

According to the announcement, Historic Ashe Hospital, originally opened in 1941, was restored and reopened at the beginning of 2019 with 46 apartments, a mix of studio, one, and two-bedroom units for low-income senior citizens and people with disabilities. There are 19 units in the historic building and 27 in a new, complementary addition, along with a library, computer room, and three meeting rooms that are available to the community. The front lobby of the historic building features a memory room, displaying artifacts from the old hospital to tell its story.

The project worked to meet preservation guidelines by repairing rather than replacing existing historic windows, restoring exterior stonework, and preserving interior architectural features and finishes, such as baseboards, door casings, and corridor doors. You can learn more about the winning project and the Excellence in Historic Preservation award program [here](#).

HUD Archives ConnectHomeUSA Digital Inclusion Webinar Series

Yesterday on the [HUD Exchange channel](#) at [YouTube](#), The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) archived the 2020 ConnectHomeUSA Digital Series webcasts:

- [Kickoff Session: City of Detroit](#)
- [Promising Digital Inclusion Practices in the Time of COVID-19](#)
- [Device and Digital Content Stakeholders](#)
- [Connectivity Stakeholders](#)
- [CARES Act Funding and Digital Inclusion](#)
- [CARES Act Funding in Action](#)
- [VISTA Program Highlights](#)
- [Tips and Tricks for a Virtual Training](#)
- [Closing Session and U.S. Census](#)

HUD has also posted the [training materials](#) for this series of webinars. The materials for each session include recordings of the training, transcripts, and copies of the slides presented during the webcast. The purpose of the five-day digital training series was to assist ConnectHomeUSA communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts.



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