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HUD Announces Near \$20 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [announced](#) today that it is making \$19.4 million available to help Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) agencies conduct activities that will address discriminatory housing practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds, provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, will allow private fair housing enforcement organizations to respond to fair housing inquiries and complaints, conduct fair housing testing, and implement education and outreach activities related to the coronavirus. The funds will also be used to address fair housing issues affecting individuals and families experiencing housing instability, including those who may face displacement due to discriminatory evictions and foreclosures. Applicants may propose new fair housing projects relating to discrimination arising in connection with the pandemic or focus on sustaining core fair housing enforcement and education activities.

The application deadline is **August 18, 2021**. The NOFA has been posted [here](#) at [Grants.gov](#) and on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published the second issue of [Cityscape](#) for 2021. The themes for this double [issue](#) are "The Rental Assistance Demonstration" and "The Hispanic Housing Experience in the United States." Articles that may be of interest include:

- [The Rental Assistance Demonstration Program and Its Current and Projected Consumption of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits](#)
- [Impact of Rental Assistance Demonstration Program Conversions on Public Housing Tenants](#)
- [Resident Engagement in the Context of the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program](#)
- [Cityscape Symposium on the Hispanic Housing Experience in the United States: An Introduction](#)
- [Understanding Low-Income Hispanic Housing Challenges and the Use of Housing and Homelessness Assistance](#)

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