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HUD Announces Waivers to Expedite Hurricane Recovery

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced a package of 27 regulatory and administrative waivers aimed at helping communities to accelerate their recovery from Hurricane Ida. The waivers offer flexibility in meeting requirements under the following programs: The Community Development Block Grant ([CDBG](#)), HOME Investment Partnerships ([HOME](#)), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ([HOPWA](#)), and Emergency Solutions Grant ([ESG](#)). HUD also released a 22-page [memo](#) from the Office of Community Planning and Development ([CPD](#)) that describes the waiver process. Program grantees may request additional relief from CPD requirements beyond the waivers described in the memorandum.

HUD to Host ConnectHome Virtual Summit

Yesterday on the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing [announced](#) that it will be hosting a three-day virtual summit for ConnectHomeUSA ([CHUSA](#)) communities, public housing authorities, tribes, public-private stakeholders, and anyone interested in promoting digital inclusion in their community.

The event, which will take place from October 4 to October 6, includes six presentations that will cover a range of digital inclusion topics and feature speakers from CHUSA communities, federal agencies, stakeholders, and other advocates for digital inclusion. Likewise, there will be six facilitated idea exchange sessions on timely digital inclusion topics, during which participants can connect, exchange ideas, and leave with concrete tools for continued growth of their digital inclusion programs and partnerships in their communities.

The summit [agenda](#) includes sessions on strategies for engaging hard-to-reach residents, federal funding for broadband, and innovative approaches to digital inclusion, among other topics. Registration will close on **October 4, 2021**, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Click [here](#) to register.



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