



Community Opportunity News

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Advocacy

Urge Congress to Fund HUD's Section 4 Capacity Building Program

The Section 4 program provides funding to increase the capacity of local community development corporations through LISC, Enterprise Community Partners, and Habitat for Humanity. They have organized a sign-on letter urging Congress to provide at least \$50 million in funding in 2027. We recommend that you sign on behalf of your organization.

[Sign the Letter by March 2](#)

National Voice

Federal Housing & Community Development Programs Funded Through September

[Legislation](#) was signed into law on February 3 to fund all federal programs except the Department of Homeland Security. Our budget chart provides funding levels for key programs including HOME and Project-Based Rental Assistance.

[View Budget Chart](#)

Congress Advances Bipartisan Bills to Boost Housing Supply

Congress has begun advancing a number of competing housing-related bills, notably "Road to Housing" in the Senate and the "21st Century Housing Act," which was overwhelmingly passed by the House on February 9. The bills make changes to the HOME Program, alongside many other provisions.

[Learn about the 21st Century Housing Act](#)

Governors Will Select Opportunity Zones — What Community Developers Can Do

Starting in July, Governors will identify which census tracts are designated for Opportunity Zones (OZs). Now is the time to understand where new OZ-eligible tracts are likely to be and begin conversations with your Governor's office. Think now about how the OZ incentive can drive investment in affordable housing and economic development that serves your community.

[Learn about Shaping the OZ Map](#)

Member News

Rapid Relief Fund Launched to Help Minnesota Small Businesses Recover

The Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers is helping to convene a Small Business Rapid Relief Initiative to assist small businesses impacted by the increased presence of federal agents statewide. The effort includes a request to the state legislature and fundraising for the Economic Response Fund. Small businesses in Minneapolis and St. Paul have lost an estimated \$231 million in revenue since December.

[Donate to the Economic Response Fund](#)

Convening

Get Involved with the Community Opportunity Alliance — March 16 Webinar

Join us for an informational webinar on Monday, March 16 at 2 pm (Eastern Time). Learn how we build the community development field to advance stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities. Find out about our strategic priorities for the coming year and leadership opportunities. This webinar is for [members](#), prospective members, and others interested in getting more involved.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Communications Peer Group Connects Association Professionals

Communications professionals from associations across the country share expertise and support one another through our peer group. Londre Holmes, Digital Communications Manager for Non-Profit Housing of Northern California, led a January meeting session on social media strategy. Upcoming meetings — facilitated by members from New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Illinois — will focus on advocacy communications, building media relationships, and tracking impact.

Identity

Field Calendar Provides Professional Development Opportunities

Our Field Calendar provides professional development opportunities from across the country. Check out these upcoming events and more.

Ohio CDC Association | Online Trainings with Ohio Auditor of State

[Developing Cohesive Teams](#) | March 3, 10-11 am (Eastern Time)

[Leading Crucial and Difficult Conversations](#) | March 17, 2-3 pm (Eastern Time)

Build Healthy Places Network | Webinar

[How Communities are Reclaiming Data for Change](#) | February 26, 1-2:30 pm (Eastern Time)

[See More Events](#)

[Submit Your Events](#)

Funding

[Local Data for Equitable Communities](#)

The Urban Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | *Deadline: March 3*

Grants of \$50,000 for nonprofits to use data to improve the physical, economic and social conditions that help residents live their healthiest lives.

[Community Development Quarterback Grant for Small Business](#)

The Coalition and Truist | *Deadline: March 20*

Grants of \$50,000 for nonprofits serving small businesses in AL, FL, GA, KY, MD, NJ, NC, OH (Cincinnati only), PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, or WV.

Funding Opportunities

- [Community development](#)
- [Affordable housing](#)
- [Creative places](#)
- [Healthy places](#)

Job Opportunities

View current [job postings](#).

To post a job opportunity on our website, contact Kadasha Hershey at Khershey@CommunityOpportunityAlliance.org. We request a \$25 donation from non-members.



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