



**Homes and  
Community Renewal**

# **Resources for Municipalities through the Office of Community Renewal**

**NYS AOT 2024**

**Community Development Training**

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# NYS Homes & Community Renewal

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# NYS Homes & Community Renewal

- Division of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR)
- Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
- Housing Finance Agency (HFA)
- State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA)
- Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)

## Development Offices:

- **Office of Community Renewal (OCR)**

**“Local” grant programs – awarded through municipalities & not-for-profits**

*NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Program, New York Main Street (NYMS), the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation programs, Access to Home, MMHR, RESTORE*

- **Office of Finance and Development (F&D)**

**Multi-family development – direct award and oversight**

*HOME Capital, Federal and State Low Income Housing Tax Credits, tax exempt bonds, and state sources include HTF and CIF.*



# Award Structure



# Potential Housing Community Development Activities

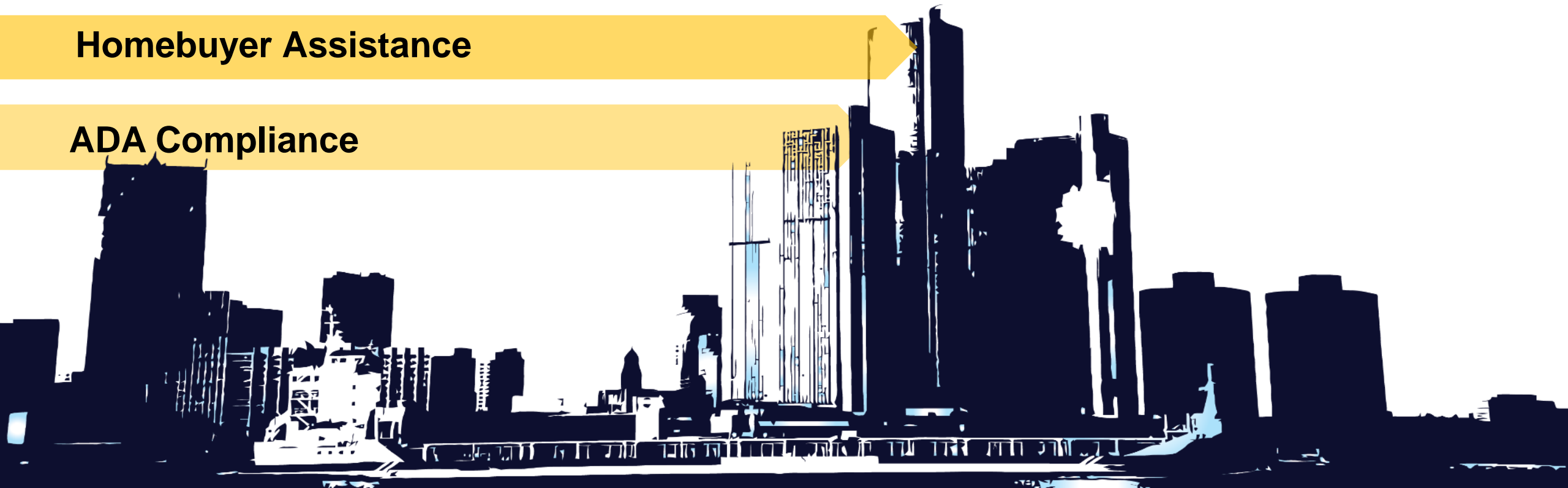
Wells and Septic Replacement and Lateral Connections

Manufactured Housing Replacement

Housing Rehabilitation

Homebuyer Assistance

ADA Compliance



# Other Potential Community Development Activities

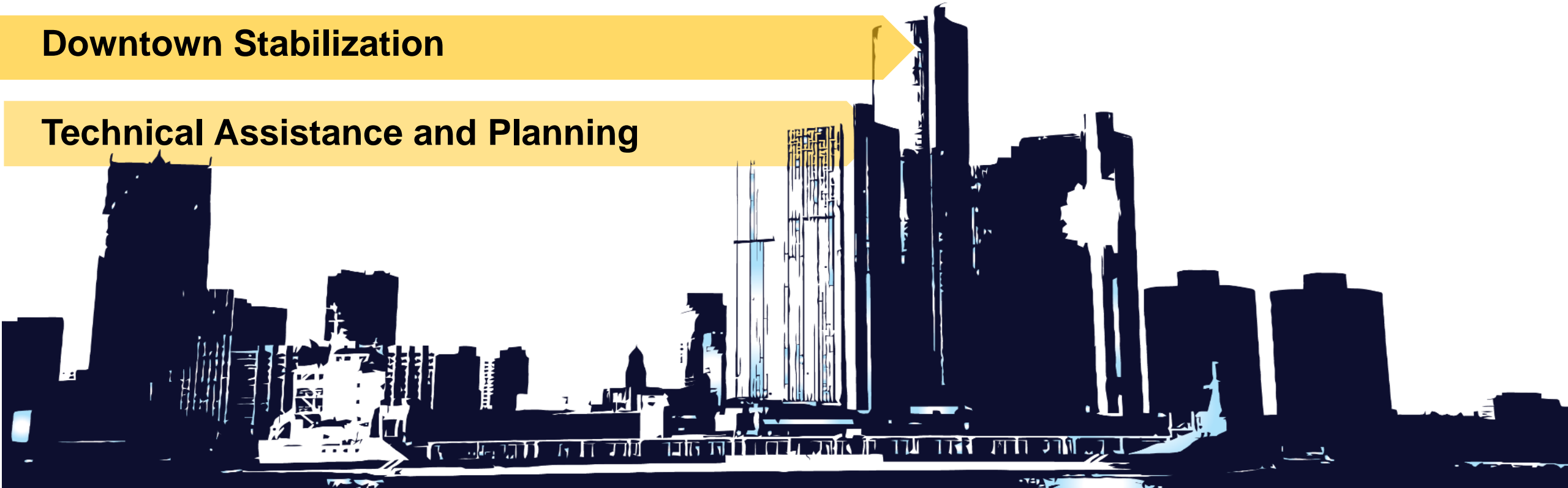
ADA Compliance for Municipal Buildings and Sidewalks

Mixed Use Buildings

Economic Development

Downtown Stabilization

Technical Assistance and Planning



# Federal and State Funding Overview

# OCR Programs



- **NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- **HOME - Local Programs**
  
- **Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC)**
- **Access to Home Programs**
- **New York Main Street Program**
- **Mobile and Manufactured Home Replacement (MMHR) Program**
- **RESTORE Program**





# Housing Program Funding Sources

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**Wells and Septic  
Replacement  
and  
Lateral Connections**

## NYS CDBG

- Cities, Towns, Villages, Counties

## HOME Program

- Must be done as part of the larger project – not a stand-alone program



# Housing Program Funding Sources

**Manufactured  
Housing  
Replacement**

**NYS CDBG**

**HOME  
Program**

**MMHR  
Program**



# Housing Program Funding Sources



## Housing Rehabilitation



**HOME Program**

**NYS CDBG**

**NY Main Street**

**Affordable Housing Corp**

**Access to Home**

**Access to Home for Heroes**

**Access to Home for Medicaid  
Recipients**

**RESTORE**

# Housing Program Funding Sources

## Homebuyer Assistance



**HOME Program**



**AHC Program**

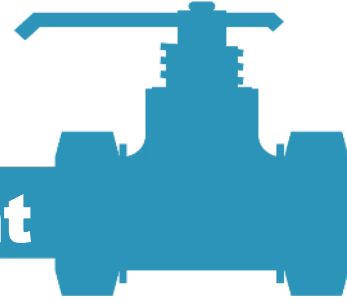


**But wait, there's more**

# Is Your Project Ready for Public Infrastructure Funding?



# Public Infrastructure Funding Source



## Public Water/Sewer/Storm Water Management

### NYS CDBG

- Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$2,000,000
- May require consultation with Co-Funding Initiative
- Need to address target user rate of 1.5% of MHI

### Typical activities

- Public Water Systems
  - water source development, storage, and distribution
- Public Sanitary Sewer Systems
  - sanitary sewage collection and treatment
- Storm Water Systems
  - flood control and storm water drainage





# Does Your Municipal Building Need Funding for ADA Compliance?

# ADA Compliance

## **NYS CDBG Funding**

*Up to \$1,000,000 for  
Cities, Towns, Villages  
and Counties*



## ADA Compliance

# Funding for Community Planning Activities



# Community Planning Funding Source

## NYS CDBG

- Up to \$50,000 for Cities, Towns, Villages and Counties

## Main Street Program

- Up to \$20,000



# Funding for Economic Development Activities

# Economic Development Funding Source



## NYS CDBG Funding



### Stand-Alone Economic Development

- Up to 40% of the project cost funded by CDBG\*
- Up to \$750,000
- Up to \$15,000 per job
- 25 or fewer employees, 25K/job up to \$100K



### Microenterprise Assistance

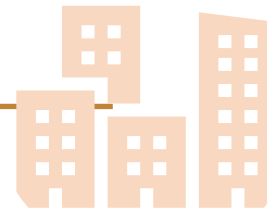
- Up to \$300,000
- Up to \$35,000 maximum per business

\*up to 50% may be available for projects where owner cash equity is equal to or exceeds 20% of the total project cost



# Economic Development Funding Source

## NYMS Funding



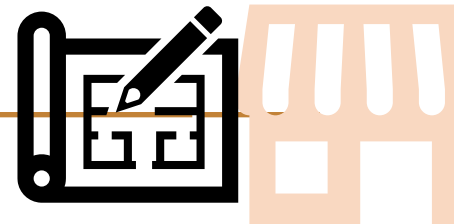
### Target Area Building Renovation

- \$50K - \$500K
- Downtown/ Mixed-use area
- Façade, interior commercial fit-out, residential rehab



### Anchor Project

- \$100K - \$500K
- Downtown/ Mixed-use area
- Standalone, single-site renovation project that is key to local revitalization efforts



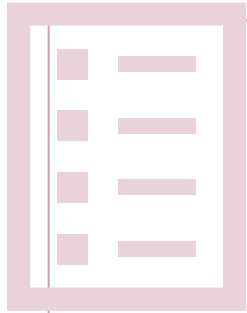
### Technical Assistance

- Up to \$20,000
- Building Reuse or Feasibility Analysis

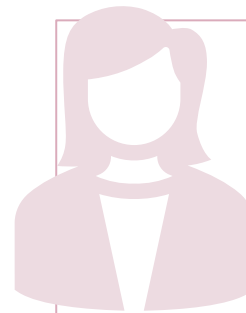
# Getting Ready to Pursue State and Federal Funding



# Project Planning and Development Challenges for Small Communities



Planning and management require commitment and follow-through



Elected officials are often part-time administrators



## Project costs rise

- Materials costs/ labor
- Compliance with new regulations
- Greater emphasis on emergency preparedness and response



Existing systems vs. new systems

# Begin planning now

## Master Planning



Review community wide needs



Housing needs

# Begin planning now

Projects can take several years from planning to implementation

- Managerial
- Financial
- Technical

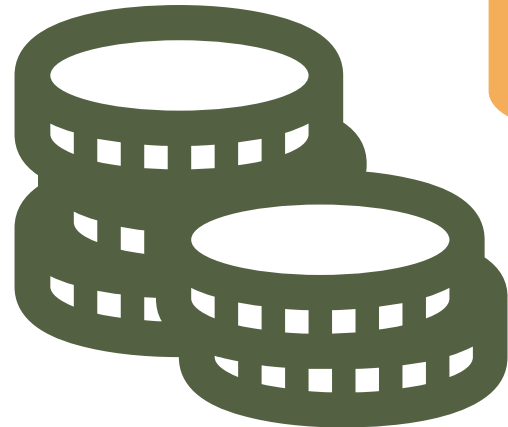
Be cognizant of the demands that will be imposed

- May be turn-over of administration
- May be project opposition



# Identify Potential Funding Sources

A successful project may require financing from more than one source



Involve representatives from all potential funding agencies early

- Valuable input on design and funding strategies
- How to maximize the project priority

# Evaluate funding eligibility

*State and Federal funding sources are only part of the solution*

Funding programs don't have unlimited resources

Project could require co-funding

Also, not all projects are eligible

Priority is given to projects that address:

- Public health and/or environmental quality,
- Affordability and community need, and
- Potential for success including through partnering and/or co-funding.

# Take advantage of technical assistance



A variety of no-cost technical assistance (TA):

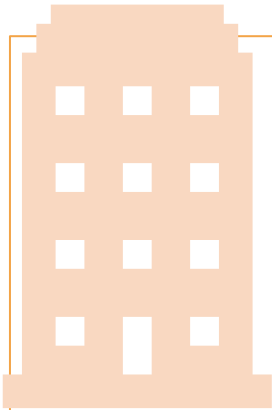
- Funding agencies,
- Regulators,
- County agencies, and
- Private not-for-profit organizations such as
  - Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) Solutions
  - NYS Rural Water Association
  - Environmental Finance Center (EFC)

Other TA, planning, and grant-writing services can be contracted

OCR is available to coordinate and assist with TA

# Applying for Funding

# How to Apply for Funds



## Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

- Public Infrastructure/Facilities (Annual)
- Community Planning (Annual)
- Microenterprise (Open Round)
- Economic Development (Open Round)
- Small Business Assistance (Open Round)
- Main Street (Annual)



## Community Development Online (CDOL)

- All Housing Activities
  - CDBG, HOME, RESTORE, Access, AHC, MMHR



# Application Tips and Other Requirements

## Tips:



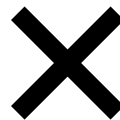
Use the correct application



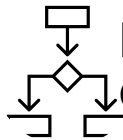
Use the submission checklist to ensure completeness



Document citizen participation (public hearing if required)



**Key deficiencies:** failing to show administrative capacity, adequate funding, budget inconsistencies, readiness



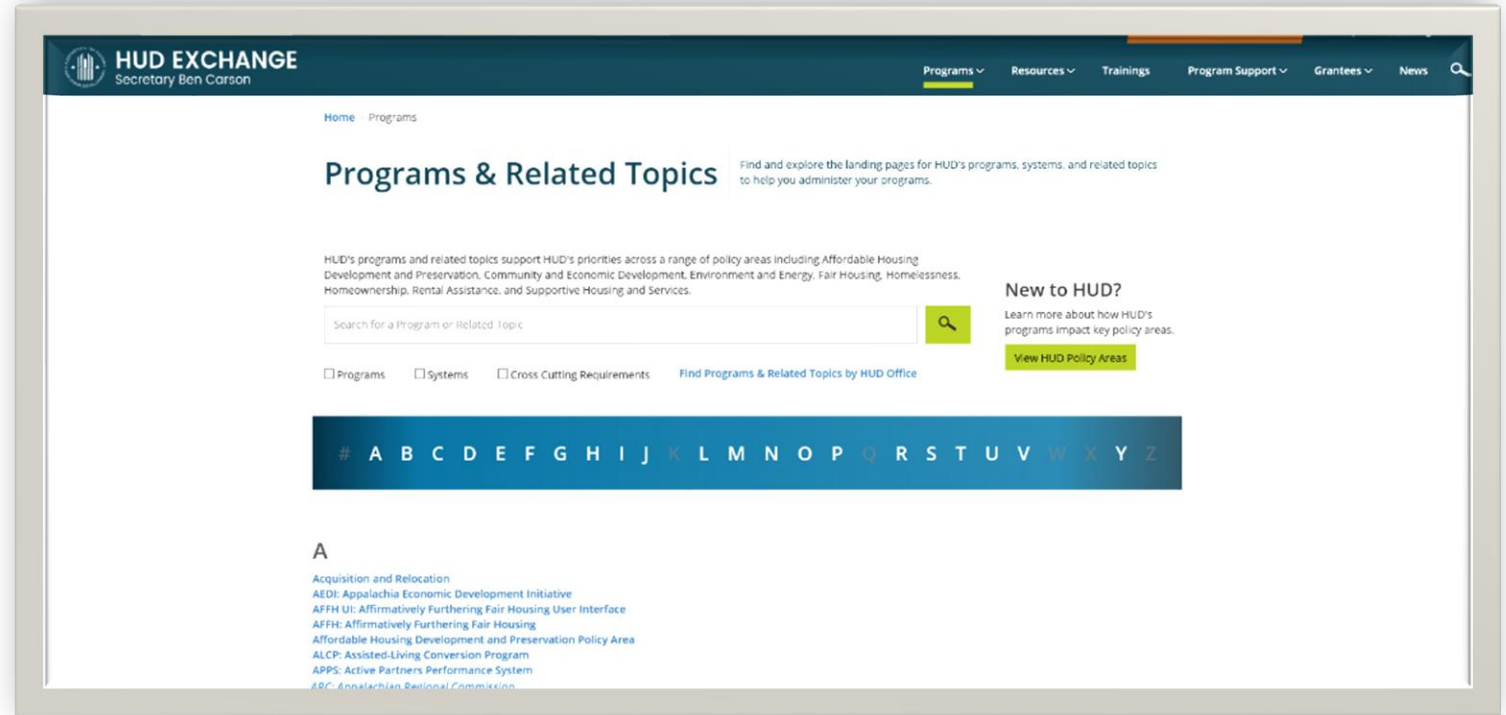
Don't take choice limiting actions prior to award and clearance (Environmental Review )

# HUD Exchange

For HUD Exchange CDBG and HOME only

Source for:

- CPD Notices
- CPD income calculator
- Toolkits



# Question and Answer



# Homes & Community Renewal Resources (Links)

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[Affordable Housing Corporation](#)

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[Access to Home Program](#)

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[CDBG Program](#)

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[CDBG Economic Development](#)

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[HOME Program](#)

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[New York Main Street Program](#)

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# Contact OCR

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On the subject line, please state the program or general nature of the request

