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Congress

NLIHC's Diane Yentel to Testify to Congressional Committee on Housing as Infrastructure

NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel will testify at a House Financial Services Committee hearing, "Housing in America: Assessing the Infrastructure Needs of America's Housing Stock," on Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. ET in Room 2128 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Learn more about the hearing and watch the livestream at: <https://bit.ly/2IEkb5w>

The hearing will examine America's affordable housing inventory as a vital part of the nation's infrastructure. Given NLIHC's [research](#) showing the U.S. has a shortage of seven million rental homes affordable and available to extremely low-income renters, Ms. Yentel will discuss the need for significant federal infrastructure investments to repair and preserve the nation's public housing stock and to build and rehabilitate homes for America's most vulnerable people and families through the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and rural and tribal housing programs.

The U.S. is in the grips of a pervasive affordable housing crisis, impacting rural, suburban and urban communities alike. Congress can address this crisis through increased investments in programs that target people with the greatest needs. An infrastructure spending package provides the perfect opportunity for Congress to invest in repairing, preserving, and building homes for extremely low-income families so they can thrive, achieve economic mobility, age in place, and live with dignity. Ms. Yentel will urge Congress to support an infrastructure package that includes strong investments in decent, affordable rental homes for households with the lowest incomes.

The full list of hearing witnesses:

- Diane Yentel, NLIHC president and CEO
- Adrienne Todman, CEO of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
- Steven Lawson, chairman of the Lawson Companies, representing the National Association of Home Builders
- Daryl Carter, founder, chairman and CEO of Avantha Capital, representing the National Multifamily Housing Council and the National Apartment Association

HUD

NLIHC to Offer Webinar for Residents of HUD Subsidized Housing on HUD's Proposed Section 3 Rule, May 8

Earlier this month, HUD proposed long-awaited updates to the 1994 interim Section 3 rule. NLIHC invites residents of all HUD-subsidized housing programs for a [webinar](#) on the subsidized housing features of HUD's proposed [Section 3 rule changes](#) on Wednesday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET.

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that when HUD funds are used to assist housing and community development projects, "to the greatest extent feasible" preference for some of the jobs and training opportunities created go to low-income people, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing. Preference for awarding contracts should also be given to businesses owned or controlled by low-income people or to businesses that hire them.

Two Potential *Positive* Changes Proposed by HUD:

- HUD proposes using a “benchmark” indicating that 30% of all “labor hours worked” is by “Section 3 workers” (25%) and “Targeted Section 3 workers” (5%). This would replace the current rule’s 30% “new hires” goal. Learn what these new terms mean – and why they are an improvement – during the webinar.
- HUD proposes adding voucher households and households living in Section 8 properties with project-based rental assistance to the second-level priorities for employment and contracting opportunities. The priority is still residents of the public housing developments where HUD funds are spent.

Two Potential *Negative* Changes Proposed by HUD:

- HUD would remove Section 3 monitoring and enforcement from HUD’s Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), shifting monitoring and enforcement relating to public housing to the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH).
- HUD proposes eliminating any Section 3-specific complaint process.

The webinar will provide details, answer questions, and get your feedback on key issues. After the webinar, NLIHC will provide a sample comment letter and urge you to submit your own comments. Comments are due June 3.

Register for the webinar at: <https://bit.ly/2PtmQj1>

The webinar will be closed-captioned. To access closed captioning during the webinar, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Vrab5C>

This webinar will be recorded and available after broadcast at: <https://nlihc.org/webinars-events>

NLIHC’s “Preliminary Summary of the Public Housing Portions of the Proposed Section 3 Rule” is at: <https://bit.ly/2ZmnO4T>

An easy-to-read version of the proposed rule is at: <https://bit.ly/2TTTsCV>

An easy-to-read version of the proposed benchmark is at: <https://bit.ly/2VqufBK>

Our Homes, Our Voices

Host a Local Event or Activity for *Our Homes, Our Voices* National Housing Week of Action, May 30 to June 5

Affordable housing advocates around the country are planning for *Our Homes, Our Voices* National Housing Week of Action (May 30-June 5) with an array of events and activities - rallies, congressional call-in days, voter-registration drives, press conferences, teach-ins, meetings with elected officials, affordable housing site visits with members of Congress, and others – to urge Congress to invest in solutions to homelessness and housing poverty in America. Begin planning your event or activity today! [Let us know about it](#) and we’ll list it on the [Our Homes, Our Voices website](#).

There are many types of Week of Action events and activities. They can be small or large – every action makes a difference! The *Our Homes, Our Voices* webpage provides [“how-to” instructions](#) for planning and executing an array of different events and activities.

Film screenings are an excellent Week of Action activity. Consider hosting a film screening on the issues of homelessness or housing inequality, followed by a discussion of how the issues explored resonate in your community and what solutions should be pursued. A film screening can be a relatively modest event to organize because much of the content is already provided. For Week of Action 2019, *Our Homes, Our Voices* is partnering with two filmmakers of documentaries soon to be released:

[*The Invisible Class: The Story of Homelessness in America*](#) is a film by Josh Hayes on the problems faced by people experiencing homelessness and the history behind the rise of modern homelessness. The film features personal stories and analysis from people with lived experience, shelter providers, advocates, and academics. Viewers learn about the devastating impacts of lost housing assistance, stagnant wages, and the increased criminalization of homelessness.

The Invisible Class runs 89 minutes, and it can be made available for screening events free of charge. Contact Week of Action organizers at ourhomes@nlihc.org to be connected to the filmmakers. Watch a trailer of *The Invisible Class* at: <https://www.theinvisibleclass.com/>

[*Owned: A Tale of Two Americas*](#) is a documentary by Giorgio Angelini that details the policy decisions that resulted in systemic housing segregation and neighborhood inequality throughout America. The film explores the racist roots of American housing policy and details the choices that led to widespread commoditization of housing and the economic collapse of 2008.

Owned runs 83 minutes. Advocates planning film screenings can pre-purchase the film for their event at the low cost of \$10. Get in touch with Week of Action organizers at ourhomes@nlihc.org to connect with the filmmakers. Watch a trailer of *Owned* at: <http://www.ownedfilm.com/trailer>

Other new resources for your Week of Action planning are being uploaded to the [*Our Homes, Our Voices* website](#) on an ongoing basis, including:

1. A sample call-in script for groups hosting grassroots action events.
2. A template letter to invite members of Congress to attend site visits or in-district meetings.
3. An updated PowerPoint slide presentation that can be modified for teach-in events.

Visit <https://www.ourhomes-ourvotes.org/> and get started today!

Our Homes, Our Votes

NLIHC Releases Analysis of Affordable Housing “Wins” and Lessons from 2018 Ballot Initiatives

Advocates and voters took affordable housing into the voting booth in 2018, passing many important ballot measures that increase funding for affordable housing, implement tenant protections, and enact other housing-related reforms. NLIHC has released a new analysis of the 2018 affordable housing ballot initiatives and the lessons they reveal about best practices: [*Affordable Housing Wins: Leveraging Lessons from 2018 Housing Ballot Initiatives for Future Efforts*](#).

With the 2020 presidential elections fast approaching and various state and local elections happening between now and then, it is important for affordable housing advocates to learn from the nonpartisan voter-engagement campaigns that supported the many 2018 ballot initiatives.

Among the recommendations and concrete state and local examples of how those practices were carried out in 2018:

- Learn the rules of the game (Chicago, IL)
- Develop a broad coalition but keep the message simple (Oregon)
- Tell the voters what the money is for (Charlotte, NC)
- Know the political climate and where there is momentum (Oakland, CA)
- Don't start from scratch – build on existing infrastructure and previous ballot measures (Austin, TX)

The report also provides an inventory of all the major housing initiatives on state and local ballots in 2018 and how they fared in the voting booth.

Affordable Housing Wins: Leveraging Lessons from 2018 Housing Ballot Initiatives for Future Efforts is available at: <https://bit.ly/2XYgP0N>

Disaster Housing Recovery

Members of Congress Request Review of Inequities in Disaster Recovery

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS) sent a [letter](#) on April 18 to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) requesting the agency review federal disaster aid programs' impact on inequality. The letter cites recent news articles and academic studies that found federal disaster aid increased existing racial and economic inequities.

Senator Warren and Representative Thompson also note that tribal governments frequently struggle to access federal resiliency funding, making them more susceptible to disasters. The letter poses four questions for the GAO to consider and asks the agency to make specific policy recommendations for Congress and the administration.

Read the full letter at: <https://bit.ly/2ZxsbKG>

Additional Disaster Housing Recovery Updates – April 29, 2019

The following is a review of additional disaster housing recovery developments since the last edition of *Memo to Members and Partners* (for the article in the previous *Memo*, see [4/22](#)).

Midwest Flooding

Nebraska

The major disaster declaration has been [amended](#) to authorize Public Assistance for 20 additional counties.

Officials with the City of Bellevue [stated](#) this week that all manufactured, modular and mobile homes damaged by flooding in Paradise Lake and Green Acres must be removed. Owners will have 10 days after receiving their letters to notify the Bellevue Permits Department of their plans to correct any issues.

Southeast Severe Weather

FEMA announced last week that Public Assistance is available in [Alabama](#) and [Tennessee](#) to support areas affected by the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred February 19 through March 20. Public Assistance is also available in [Kentucky](#) to support areas impacted by February severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides.

2018 California Wildfires

Federal Response

FEMA [set up](#) its first mobile home site for survivors of the Camp Fire. The site, located at Bidwell Canyon Marina near Lake Oroville, can host 70 families.

The Immediate Disaster Case Management program is now [available](#) to Camp Fire survivors. Case managers will work with survivors to identify resources for unmet needs and help develop a recovery plan. Services are provided for a limited time in specific locations or by calling (855) 742-5998.

A professor at California State University, Chico wrote an [op-ed](#) for the *New York Times* about the recovery challenges in Paradise and the surrounding areas.

Hurricane Michael

Florida

Governor Ron DeSantis [announced](#) on April 19 that Bay County is receiving \$18.5 million in recovery funding as part of President Donald Trump's commitment to federally fund 100% of the first 45 days of Hurricane Michael recovery. Following reports that Hurricane Michael was updated to a Category 5 storm, Governor DeSantis [requested](#) an increase in the federal cost-share from 75% to 90% for the remainder of recovery.

2017 Disasters

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) published two new reports as part of its 2017 Hurricane Season series: "[Federal Support for Electricity Grid Restoration in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico](#)" and "[Actions Needed to Improve the Use of Post-Disaster Contracts to Support Response and Recovery](#)."

Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition member Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico wrote a [policy brief \(en español aquí\)](#) about the need for the Puerto Rican government to adopt mitigation and adaptation standards that prevent displacement and ensure low-income communities have access to much-needed resources to repair their homes.

Many homes remain uninhabitable in the U.S. Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The storm caused economic hardships – including increased costs of everything from food to fixing a roof – that are having significant [impacts](#) on mental health in the community.

Residents of the HUD-assisted [Sandpiper Cove Apartments](#) in Galveston, TX, are still dealing with mildew resulting from Hurricane Harvey. Tenants have also endured mold, rats, cockroaches and bedbugs, broken air conditioners and sewer back-ups.

An [article](#) in *Radical Housing Journal*, "The Land is Ours – Vulnerabilization and resistance in informal settlements in Puerto Rico: Lessons from the Caño Martín Peña Community Land Trust," examines the impact disasters and recovery have on low-income communities.

Research

Study Finds Many Housing Choice Voucher Recipients are Energy Cost-Burdened

A study published in *Housing Policy Debate*, "[Household Energy Costs and the Housing Choice Voucher Program: Do Utility Allowances Pay the Bills?](#)," examined the gap between utility allowances in the Housing

Choice Voucher (HCV) program and actual utility bills for electricity. Utility bills exceeded utility allowances by more than \$25 for nearly half of HCV households in four Florida cities.

Low-income families who receive HCVs are expected to contribute 30% of their income toward rent and utility costs. For tenants who pay energy bills directly to utility companies, public housing authorities (PHAs) provide a utility allowance based on the presumed amount of the tenant's bill. The estimated electric utility allowance (EEUA) may be above or below what the tenant actually spends on utilities.

Landlords are typically not incentivized to invest in energy-efficient home improvements because they can pass utility costs on to tenants in rent-pricing and tenants often pay for utilities directly to utility companies. Low-income renter households are more likely to live in energy-inefficient units and face higher energy cost burdens than higher-income households.

The study included HCV tenants in Jacksonville, Gainesville, Tallahassee, and Orlando from 2010 to 2013. All HCV households in the study paid their electricity bills directly to their utility companies. Matching consumer utility bill records with voucher holder records, the researchers found that 47% of HCV households paid utility bills that exceeded their EEUA by over \$25 per month. Thirty-two percent of HCV households had utility bills within \$25 (higher or lower) of the EEUA. Twenty-one percent of HCV households had allowances that exceeded the utility bill cost by more than \$25. Gaps between utility allowances and bills varied significantly depending on where tenants resided. This variation was partly driven by regional differences in utilities but even more so by differences in the utility allowances provided by housing authorities. Jacksonville had the highest share of tenants paying energy bills exceeding their EEUA. Tallahassee had the lowest.

Household and property characteristics also contribute to differences in energy costs. Households with more members and households in units with more bedrooms were more likely to pay utility bills greater than the EEUA. Sixty percent of single-family units had greater utility bills than allowances, compared to approximately one-third of multifamily units. Families with children were more likely to experience a major gap between their EEUA and utility bill, with 54% paying more for energy than their allowance. Just over half of deeply low-income households with incomes at 0-15% of the area median income paid utility bills exceeding their utility allowance.

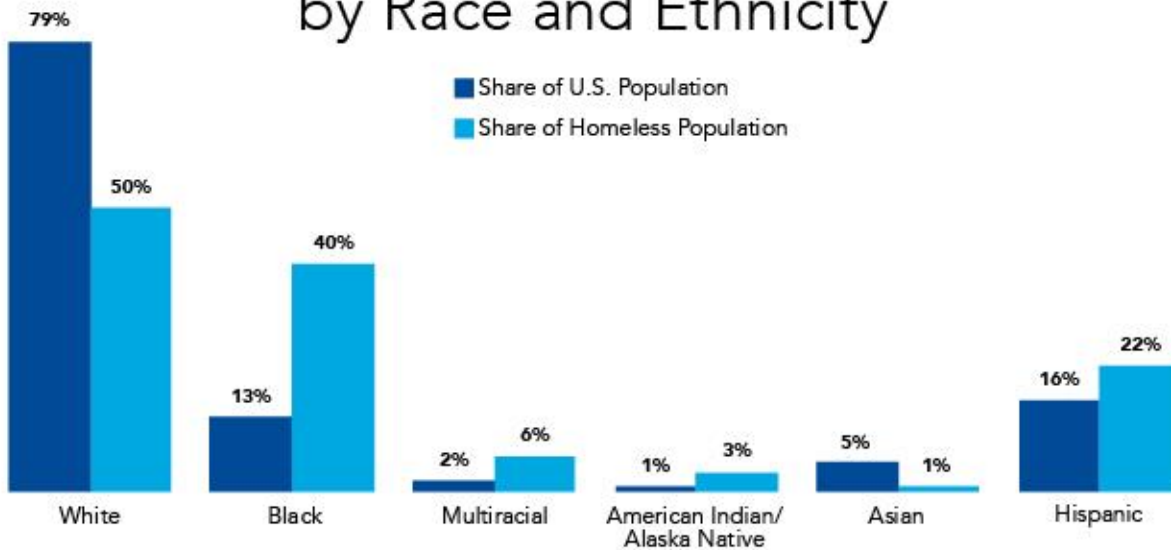
High energy costs can lead to negative financial consequences, such as greater debt, utility service shut-offs, and detrimental health outcomes, including exacerbated illnesses due to poor temperature and humidity control. Achieving parity between utility allowances and real energy costs would alleviate the economic and physical burdens experienced by low-income renters. In addition to improving accuracy in utility allowances, the authors recommend a comprehensive strategy to improve the energy efficiency of HCV holders' homes.

“Household Energy Costs and the Housing Choice Voucher Program: Do Utility Allowances Pay the Bills?” is available at: <https://bit.ly/2Vusk2c>

Fact of the Week

African Americans Account for 13% of U.S. Population but 40% of Homeless Population

Share of Homeless Population by Race and Ethnicity



Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness. (2019). *The State of Homelessness in America*.

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Opportunity Starts at Home

Grow Multi-Sector Support for Increased Investments in National Housing Trust Fund

The [Opportunity Starts at Home](#) multi-sector affordable homes campaign has issued a [sign-on letter](#) calling on Congress to increase investments in the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) to at least \$3.5 billion annually through comprehensive housing finance reform. Growing the HTF is a key priority of the campaign's recently developed [policy agenda](#) because increasing the supply of homes affordable to the lowest-income renters, as the HTF is designed to do, is essential to solving America's housing affordability crisis.

NLIHC and the campaign's other multi-sector Steering Committee organizations are the original signatories: Catholic Charities USA; Children's Defense Fund; Children's HealthWatch; Community Catalyst; Food Research & Action Center; NAACP; National Alliance to End Homelessness; National Alliance on Mental Illness; National Association of Community Health Centers; National Association of Social Workers; National Education Association; National League of Cities; and UnidosUS.

In addition to the Steering Committee, more than eighty other multi-sector organizations have signed on as well, including: Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey, Dignity Health, Florida Legal Services, Healthy Schools Campaign, Justice in Aging, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, Oregon Food Bank, Strive Together, Unity Health Care, and many more.

The research is clear that when people have access to safe, decent, affordable housing, outcomes improve in virtually every other area of their lives, which is why these organizations are urging action on the HTF.

Help secure additional multisector support from education, health, civil rights, anti-poverty, food security, veterans, criminal justice, LGBTQ, faith-based, and other organizations.

Please add your organization's name to the [letter](#), share with your non-housing partners about why the HTF is so important for America, and urge them to [sign on](#). Contact Mike Koprowski, mkoprowski@nlihc.org, or Chantelle Wilkinson, cwilkinson@nlihc.org, for more information.

From the Field

Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development Hosts Housing Advocacy Day in Washington, DC

The Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED), an NLIHC state partner, hosted its annual housing advocacy day at the Washington, DC, City Council on April 24. CNHED holds this event after the mayor releases her budget in March and before the DC Council votes on the budget in late April or early May.

A representative from Councilmember Anita Bonds's office kicked off the event, telling the crowd of approximately 100 D.C. residents, nonprofit developers, and housing advocates that the councilwoman, who chairs the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, is committed to using the DC Housing Production Trust Fund to target the housing needs for those with incomes below 60% of the area median income (AMI). Councilmember Robert White then shared his affordable housing priorities, citing his "Economic Development Return on Investment" bill that would require the District to report on incentives provided to economic and affordable housing developments in the district.



(DC Councilmember Robert White addressing CNHED advocates. Courtesy of [CNHED](#).)

One participant asked Councilmember White what the Council was doing to assist public housing residents and if the Trust Fund is being used to maintain and repair public housing. Mr. White replied he did not want public housing to compete with Trust Fund affordable housing production, and that he would like to create a dedicated funding source to maintain public housing. "I don't expect developers to be anything but developers," Mr. White said, emphasizing the important work advocates and the D.C. Council must do to increase the affordable housing supply.

“The Council pays attention to and respects who shows up to represent and advocate for their interests,” said CNHED President and CEO Stephen Glaude during his remarks to those convened. “The fact that 100 resident leaders would come out for CNHED’s housing advocacy day will make a huge lasting statement about the importance of funding housing programs like the Housing Production Trust Fund.”

After the day’s kick-off convening, the participants formed groups to visit every DC Council office. NLIHC Housing Advocacy Organizer Kyle Arbuckle accompanied CNHED members to a meeting with Councilmember Bonds’ housing policy staffer to urge the council members to vote for increases to affordable housing funding. Mr. Arbuckle provided information about how D.C. residents with incomes at or below 30% of AMI face the greatest shortage of available and affordable housing and are the most housing cost-burdened of all DC residents, supporting CNHED’s request for increased affordable housing funding for those most in need.

NLIHC thanks CNHED for involving Mr. Arbuckle in this very successful advocacy day.

Maryland Advocates Secure Robust Funding for Affordable Housing Programs

The 2019 Maryland Legislative Session ended on April 8 with a number of victories for affordable housing advocates. The final 2020 Budget passed by the legislature includes \$27 million for Rental Housing Works, \$16.5 million for the State Rental Housing Program, and \$6 million for the Partnership Rental Housing Program. These funds will ensure that key affordable rental housing programs can continue to accept new applications and will grow the momentum for even greater successes in the years to come.

All the housing advocates’ priority asks successfully passed in the legislature. The funding victories were in large part due to the concerted efforts of advocates and to the support and leadership of Appropriations Chair Maggie McIntosh and Budget and Tax Chair Nancy King, along with Speaker Pro Temp and Capital Budget Subcommittee Chair Adrienne Jones and Senate Capital Budget Chair Doug Peters.

NLIHC state partner Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition (MAHC) called on the legislature to fully fund the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) rental housing programs. The Department received \$54 million, an increase of \$3 million over the prior year, for the very successful Rental Housing Works loan program and other critical programs.

MAHC also worked to ensure the passage of several other important affordable housing bills. One (HB 1045/SB 917) will require local governments to incorporate housing elements in their Comprehensive Plans, including an affordable housing needs assessment. Miranda Darden, executive director at MAHC, testified in support of the bill in February. Delegate Brooke Lierman sponsored this important law to ensure local governments fully assess their affordable housing needs.

Governor Larry Hogan announced an expansion of the Maryland Opportunity Zone program on January 3. The Opportunity Zone Omnibus Bill (SB 581) that passed this session will allocate \$56.5 million to attract new businesses, development and investment in areas in need, directly benefiting the state’s workforce. The bill also includes state low-income housing tax credits for workforce housing in opportunity zones. MAHC expressed eagerness to work with DHCD on the regulations to implement this new program.

For more information, contact Miranda Darden at the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition (MAHC) at: mdarden@mdahc.org

NLIHC in the News

NLIHC in the News for the Week of April 21

The following are some of the news stories that NLIHC contributed to during the week of April 21.

- “Washington Post Columnist Michelle Singletary Says You Don't Deserve a Vacation If You Have Debt. Here's Why That's Not Always Right,” *Inc.com*, April 26 at: <https://bit.ly/2UK7588>
- “Want to understand U.S. real estate trends? Look to Florida,” *Curbed*, April 23 at: <https://bit.ly/2UYisy>
- “Houston needs boarding houses, so it must make sure they're safe,” *Chron.com*, April 21 at: <https://bit.ly/2Wa4170>
- “Trump administration moves to kick undocumented immigrants out of NYCHA,” *NY Daily News*, April 19 at: <https://bit.ly/2DzXhbl>
- “HUD looks to cut off housing assistance for undocumented immigrant households,” *KOMO News*, April 19 at: <https://bit.ly/2V0Gdpu>

NLIHC News

NLIHC Seeks Housing Policy Analyst

NLIHC seeks a housing policy analyst responsible for identifying, analyzing, advocating, and engaging the Coalition's membership and network in action on federal policy and regulatory activities related to the Coalition's mission and priorities, including disaster housing recovery. The policy analyst will report to the NLIHC senior director for public policy.

The policy analyst will:

1. Monitor legislative, regulatory, and administrative developments, as well as other activities or events of interest on Capitol Hill and at HUD, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other relevant agencies; ensure that local partners and the NLIHC-led Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition are apprised of key developments and events.
2. Monitor disaster housing recovery efforts by maintaining frequent contact with local partners; hold regularly scheduled calls for local partners about implementation issues.
3. Advocate Coalition positions before members of Congress and the Administration; prepare letters, visits, phone calls, and e-mails to congressional members and their staff.
4. Develop materials that translate pending proposals and actions into an accessible and understandable format for Coalition members and partners. Respond to requests for information from members and other network participants.
5. Help facilitate communications and education with members of Congress and the Administration by drafting letters, scheduling and participating in meetings, and leading conference calls, and preparing and sending communications to members, Administration officials, and their staff.
6. Represent NLIHC before selected national partners; participate in the planning and implementation of NLIHC's Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition.
7. Coordinate regular meetings of NLIHC's Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition; coordinate and facilitate working group meetings, prepare materials, and make presentations. Attend meetings and events of other coalitions.
8. Work, together with NLIHC field staff and NLIHC partners and allies in impacted communities, to stay abreast of disaster recovery issues and other housing concerns.
9. Research and prepare articles for NLIHC's *Memo to Members and Partners* e-newsletter, including updates on Capitol Hill, HUD, and FEMA, through web-based and other research and attendance at hearings and briefings.

10. Develop materials that translate pending proposals and actions, as well as disaster housing recovery and rebuilding implementation issues, into an accessible and understandable format for NLIHC members and partners. Respond to requests for information from members and other network participants.
11. Represent NLIHC at meetings and conferences in Washington, DC and across the nation.
12. Plan and implement briefings, dialogues, and other informational forums on issues related to Coalition priorities and initiatives.
13. Monitor, and provide updates for, the Coalition website. Attend and report at all meetings of Board of Directors; participate in staff meetings, trainings, and events.
14. Participate in the planning and implementation of all aspects of Coalition's annual policy forum, including speaker recruitment. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Requirements include a bachelor's degree (master's degree preferred). A degree in Public Policy, Public Administration, Humanitarian Emergency Management or related area is a plus. Applicants should have at least two years of experience in project management, organizing, and/or public policy. Applicants should have a commitment to social justice and some knowledge of the fundamentals of affordable housing, homelessness, disaster recovery, or social service delivery. Candidates should be able to work in a diverse, high-paced environment and have strong writing and editing skills, oral and interpersonal communications, organizational skills, and attention to detail. Applicants should be proficient in the Microsoft Office suite and social media platforms.

An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, NLIHC offers a competitive salary and benefits package. This is a full-time position located in Washington, DC. This is two-year grant-funded position with the possibility of extension.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter with salary requirement, and two writing samples to Paul Kealey, chief operating officer, and Sarah Mickelson, senior director of public policy, at: pkealey@nlihc.org and smickelson@nlihc.org

Where to Find Us – April 29

NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel and other NLIHC staff will be speaking at the following events in the coming months:

- [Building Michigan Communities Conference](#), Lansing, MI, May 1
- [Nevada HAND Day at the Legislature](#), Carson City, NV, May 1
- Day for Housing, Housing Alliance Delaware, Dover, DE, May 9
- Colorado NAHRO Conference, Vail, CO, May 15
- [New York Association for Affordable Housing NYC Pre-Conference](#), New York, NY, May 15
- [National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies Conference](#), Denver, CO, May 16
- American Bankers Association Forum on Affordable Housing, Washington, DC, May 23
- Supportive Housing Network of New York Conference, New York, NY, June 13
- [Mental Health America, Annual Conference: Dueling Diagnoses](#), Washington, DC, June 14
- RESULTS 2019 International Conference, Washington, DC, July 15
- Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development Home for Everyone Conference, Eau Claire, WI, July 18-19
- [Housing & Community Development Network of NJ Annual Conference](#), New Jersey (location TBD), October 18

- Rural Housing Summit, San Jose, CA, November 7

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