

Statement for the Record  
**House Homeland Security Committee**  
**Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery**  
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On behalf of the Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition (DHRC), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record on the March 13 congressional hearing, “Improving the Federal Response: Perspectives on the State of Emergency Management.”

The DRHC is led by the National Low Income Housing Coalition and includes more than 800 local, state, and national organizations, including many organizations working directly with disaster-impacted communities and with first-hand experience recovering after disasters (membership list enclosed). Together, we work to ensure that federal disaster recovery efforts reach all impacted households, including those with the lowest incomes who are often the hardest-hit by disasters and have the fewest resources to recover afterwards. The DHRC has published a comprehensive set of recommendations for [Congress](#) and [FEMA](#), as well as [priorities for a disaster supplemental package](#) that would help ensure federal resources meet the housing needs of the lowest-income people and communities.

One of the top priorities after a disaster is ensuring all displaced families have a safe, accessible, and affordable place to live while they get back on their feet. Over the past two years, however, FEMA has repeatedly failed to address the housing needs of the lowest-income families. As a result, vulnerable seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, people experiencing homelessness, and other individuals are forced to live in unhealthy, unsafe, and unaffordable homes, making it more difficult for them to fully recover. In worst cases, this leads to increased homelessness. Moreover, the lack of data transparency at FEMA directly harms our federal, state, and local responses to disasters, leading to increased inequality and inequity.

This committee should play a key role in reforming our nation’s federal disaster recovery efforts to ensure that the lowest income people and communities are not left behind. To this end, we urge you, as leaders of the House Homeland Security Committee to:

**1. Hold FEMA accountable for its repeated failure to address the housing needs of the lowest-income disaster survivors.**

Under the Trump Administration, FEMA has responded to five major hurricanes, deadly wildfires, and many other emergencies. Each time, FEMA has failed to meet the housing needs of the lowest-income survivors, including people with disabilities, seniors, families with children, and those experiencing homelessness prior to a disaster. Without proper housing assistance, these households have no choice but to return to

uninhabitable homes, sleep in cars or tents, double or triple up with other low-income families, or pay more than half of their income on rent, putting them at increased risk of evictions and, in the worst cases, homelessness.

Most recently, Hurricane Michael destroyed or damaged an estimated 40,000 homes in Florida (about a quarter of the housing stock), the Camp Fire damaged or destroyed over 14,000 homes in California,<sup>1</sup> and Hurricane Florence damaged as many as 95,000 homes in the Carolinas.<sup>2</sup> FEMA has proven itself incapable of providing housing for the thousands of households displaced by these and other disasters. FEMA's slow pace in providing housing assistance is unacceptable and inexplicable.

It has been more than six months since Hurricane Florence slammed the Carolinas, nearly five months after Hurricane Michael ravaged the Florida Panhandle, and more than four months after the devastating Camp Fire in Butte County, CA, yet far too many low-income survivors are still struggling to meet their most basic need: a safe, affordable place to call home.

In Florida, FEMA issued tents for hundreds of families to live in rather than providing safer and longer-term housing assistance. After the last shelter closed in Chico, CA, on January 31, almost 100 people were left struggling to find safe places to sleep, and many of the nearly 500 additional survivors living in cars or trailers in a parking lot were forced to leave if their vehicles did not meet certain standards or they were unable to pay the \$40 daily fee.<sup>3</sup> In the Carolinas, families displaced from their communities, jobs, and social supports likewise continue to struggle to find affordable places to live while they get back on their feet.

While FEMA provided survivors of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and the California wildfires access to motels through the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program, FEMA has not taken any action to address the many barriers that prevent low-income households from utilizing the program. Participating hotels ask survivors to pay daily "resort" fees or require security deposits or credit cards, all of which are prohibitive for low-income families. FEMA extends the deadlines for TSA at the last minute, creating panic and uncertainty for survivors living in TSA motels. Too few motels participate in the program, forcing survivors to leave their communities without knowing when they will return and putting a strain on local economies. Many survivors do not want to leave their communities where they may have steady employment, support networks, and familial obligations.

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<sup>1</sup> CAL Fire, "Camp Fire Incident Update," November 25, 2018.

[http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/admin8327985/cdf/images/incidentfile2277\\_4326.pdf](http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/admin8327985/cdf/images/incidentfile2277_4326.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Martha Quillin, "For Florence victims, there's no place like home – even if the repairs are temporary," *Charlotte Observer*, November 14, 2018. <https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article221586040.html>

<sup>3</sup> Alexandra Yoon-Hendricks, "Camp Fire victims have been through 'hell.' As last shelter closes, where will they go?," *Sacramento Bee*, January 30, 2019. <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/homeless/article225194350.html>

Despite the clear need for longer-term housing assistance, FEMA has refused to activate the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP), which provides rental assistance and case management to survivors, despite calls from Governors, members of Congress, survivors, and advocates. DHAP was successfully used after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and would be a transformative resource for survivors. Both the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations upheld DHAP as a best practice, and the program provides better quality assistance at a lower cost to the federal government than other alternatives used by FEMA. DHAP would help reduce the number of people living unhoused and help survivors access stable, affordable housing necessary to rebuild their lives.

This is not the first time that FEMA has failed to address the housing needs of low-income survivors. FEMA's inaction is a repeat of their failures following Hurricanes Harvey, Maria, and Irma and the California wildfires of 2017, with long-term negative impacts on survivors and their communities. More than a year after Hurricane Harvey, the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Houston area increased for the first time in seven years. About 18% of the people living unsheltered cited the hurricane as their trigger into homelessness.<sup>4</sup> Homelessness rates also increased by double digits from 2017 to 2018 in both Connecticut<sup>5</sup> and Massachusetts<sup>6</sup>, where large numbers of Puerto Ricans fled after Hurricane Maria. Survivors in Puerto Rico are still working to prove ownership of their homes to FEMA so they can obtain housing assistance, a problem that also occurred in Louisiana, Texas, and now Florida. Six months after the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Sonoma County, CA, average rent prices increased by 30% and the rental vacancy rate – which was at 2% before the fire – dropped to zero.<sup>7</sup> Low-income residents are left with few housing options, and the county has experienced a 6% increase in the number of people living unhoused with another 10,000 living in unstable conditions.<sup>8</sup>

Congress must hold FEMA accountable for its failure to address the basic needs of low-income survivors, and Congress should take action to ensure that DHAP and other housing assistance tailored to the unique needs of low-income households are implemented.

## **2. Improve data transparency at FEMA to help ensure federal, state, and local agencies can make informed policy decisions.**

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<sup>4</sup> Khambrel Marshall, "Houston homeless rate increases," *Click2Houston*, November 18, 2019.

<https://www.click2houston.com/newsmakers/newsmakers-for-nov-18-20000-expected-for-thanksgiving-super-feast>

<sup>5</sup> Patrick Skahill, "Hurricane Maria Drives Up Connecticut's Homelessness Numbers," *New England Public Radio*, December 20, 2018. <https://www.nepr.net/post/hurricane-maria-drives-connecticuts-homelessness-numbers#stream/0>

<sup>6</sup> Cynthia Fernandez, "Number of homeless people in Mass. is up 14 percent," *Boston Globe*, December 18, 2018. <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/12/17/number-homeless-rises-mass/OAGUA8qjiWmgoaMPsvPQzN/story.html>

<sup>7</sup> Lizzie Johnson and Kevin Fagan, "Signs of life amid scars and loss," *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 5, 2018. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/north-bay-wildfires-rebuilding-12804162.php>

<sup>8</sup> Sonja Hutson, "Sonoma County Homeless Population Up Due to North Bay Fires," *KQED*, July 7, 2018. <https://www.kqed.org/news/11679471/sonoma-county-homeless-population-up-due-to-north-bay-fires>

The need for quality data after a large-scale disaster is critical for recovery efforts. While FEMA collects a significant amount of data during the course of its initial disaster response and short-term housing activities, relatively little of this data is made readily available to the general public or other federal agencies. Making this data available to groups beyond local governments and service providers is important for ensuring community needs are accurately assessed and met.

We appreciate Chairman Payne asking the witnesses about racial and economic disparities in the disaster response and recovery systems. While advocates on the ground have long understood these inequities, obtaining the data to demonstrate the extent and specifics of the issue is difficult since FEMA does not share its data. Collecting and making public demographic data that includes all protected classes covered by the *Stafford Act*, the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, *Fair Housing Act*, *Title VI*, and other civil rights protections would allow researchers and advocates to better understand how and why low-income households and communities of color do not receive equitable assistance. Additionally, more transparent data practices would allow states and local agencies to better understand their communities' needs, as well as allow stronger oversight to ensure disaster recovery resources are used effectively and for their intended purposes.

OpenFEMA generally makes available some basic data sets from the Individual Assistance program data, aggregated at the zip code level. This data is simply insufficient to identify disaster response issues on the ground, particularly in areas where zip codes may cover large geographic areas. Detailed datasets at the most granular level possible (i.e. address, block group, census tract) need to become standard practice to allow local governments, researchers, advocates, community groups, and other interested parties to adequately assess the quality of FEMA's housing response.

Making such data publicly available helps policymakers better understand and respond to systemic inequality rooted in the federal government's disaster response. NPR used data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to [examine](#) disparities with the FEMA buyout program and found that buyouts disproportionately go to white communities. This investigation also discusses the barriers low-income people face to obtaining assistance and highlights a [study](#) that demonstrates how disaster aid exacerbates existing wealth inequalities. For example, FEMA resiliency funding favors wealthier neighborhoods since the system is designed to minimize taxpayer risk, not help communities with the greatest need.

Other research from DHRC member Texas Housers shows that following Hurricane Harvey, low-income Texans were [more likely to be denied assistance](#) than their higher-income counterparts. Many of these denials stemmed from administrative and logistical issues, such as survivors missing contact from FEMA because of disconnected phones or individuals lacking reliable transportation to meet officials for an inspection.

Issues of equity clearly exist in the disaster recovery process, and Congress needs to require FEMA to implement better data transparency practices so the problems can be identified and rectified.

### **3. Ensure that special needs populations can access crucial response and recovery assistance.**

In addition to economic and racial disparities, disaster aid does not equitably address the needs of special needs populations, like people with disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness prior to a disaster. Disability Rights North Carolina recently released a report, [The Storm after the Storm](#), that uses the response to Hurricane Florence to demonstrate the need for federal, state, and local emergency management and public health officials to ensure equitable access to emergency and disaster services and programs for people with disabilities during disasters. People with disabilities often have a more difficult time evacuating prior to a disaster, finding accessible sheltering and temporary housing, and navigating disaster recovery programs, which results in a disproportionate harm after disasters.

Those experiencing homelessness prior to a disaster also face adverse disparate treatment when trying to secure disaster relief resources. Under current federal policy, persons who are pre-disaster homeless are not eligible for the same FEMA benefits as those who had housing before a disaster. This results in the most vulnerable parts of our population being disproportionately worse off after a disaster. If we truly want to rebuild our communities, persons experiencing pre-disaster homelessness need to be prioritized in receiving federal aid after a disaster occurs, either through eligibility for FEMA benefits or permanently authorizing Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, for which pre-disaster homeless persons are eligible.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record on the March 13 congressional hearing, “Improving the Federal Response: Perspectives on the State of Emergency Management.” We look forward to working with you to ensure a complete and equitable disaster housing recovery for all survivors, including those with the lowest incomes.

## **Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition Membership**

### **National Organizations**

African American Health Alliance  
All Hands and Hearts  
Alston & Bird  
American Academy of Housing and Communities  
American Atheists  
American Baptist Home Mission Societies  
American Network of Community Options and Resources  
Americans for Financial Reform  
Atkins Global  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Ballard Spahr  
B'nai B'rith International  
Boston Capital  
CarsonWatch  
Catholic Charities USA  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Community Change  
Center for Community Progress  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Center for Public Representation  
Center for Responsible Lending  
Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National Advocacy  
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Health Watch  
Children's Leadership Council  
Coalition on Human Needs  
CohnReznick  
Consortium For Citizens With Disabilities Housing Task Force  
Consumer Action  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities  
Council of State Community Development Agencies  
Council on Affordable and Rural Housing  
Davis and Harman  
Demand Progress  
Disaster Accountability Project  
Disaster Legal Services Program ABA Young Lawyers Division  
Du and Associates  
ECV Consulting  
Elevate Energy  
Elliott & Sugarman

Enterprise Community Investment  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Equal Rights Center  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Advocacy Office  
Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society  
Eversheds Sutherland  
Every Child Matters  
Fahe  
Faith in Action  
Feeding America  
Gerson Strategies  
Green and Healthy Homes Initiative  
Grounded Solutions Network  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Hawkins Delafield and Wood  
Health Care for the Homeless  
Hills & Company  
Hispanic Federation  
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC  
HomeFree-USA  
Homes for America  
Housing Advisory Group  
Housing Assistance Council  
Housing Partnership Network  
Housing Up  
ICF International  
Islamic Society Of North America  
JPMorgan Chase  
LatinoJustice PRLDEF  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
LeadingAge  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers And Investors  
Love Funding  
Low Income Investment Fund  
Lutheran Services in America Disability Network  
Make Room  
McCarter & English  
Mercy Housing  
Mercy Loan Fund  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
NAACP  
NASTAD  
National Affordable Housing Management Association  
National AIDS Housing Coalition  
National Alliance Against Home Repair Fraud

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations  
National Alliance of HUD Tenants  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Association For County Community And Economic Development  
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders  
National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials  
National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders  
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies  
National Association of Neighborhoods  
National Association of Realtors  
National Association of the Deaf  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National CAPACD  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Center For Transgender Equality  
National Church Residences  
National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Community Development Association  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Community Stabilization Trust  
National Congress for Community Economic Development  
National Consumer Law Center  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of State Housing Agencies  
National Council on Disability  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Development Council  
National Disability Rights Network  
National Disaster Legal Services  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
National Education Association  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Health Care For The Homeless Council  
National Housing and Rehabilitation Association  
National Housing Conference  
National Housing Institute  
National Housing Law Project  
National Housing Resource Center  
National Housing Trust  
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)  
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty  
National League of Cities



National Leased Housing Association  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
National Stabilization Trust  
National Urban League  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NeighborWorks America  
Neighborworks Capital  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Nixon Peabody  
Novogradac & Company  
NVG  
Oxfam America  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
PathStone Corporation  
Policylink  
Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies  
Poverty & Race Research Action Council  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Public Witness  
Preservation Of Affordable Housing  
Pro Bono Net  
Prosperity Now  
Public Advocates  
Public Citizen  
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association  
Quadel Consulting & Training  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Rebuilding Together  
Refugees International  
RESULTS  
Right to the City  
Rural Community Assistance Corporation  
Salvation Army  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
SBP  
Sierra Club  
Skadden  
Smart Growth America  
Stewards Of Affordable Housing For The Future  
Strategies 360  
Technical Assistance Collaborative  
The Arc of the United States  
The Cloudburst Group

The Collingwood Group  
The Disaster Law Project  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
The Jubilee Organization  
The NHP Foundation  
The Schiff Group  
The Sharing Community  
The Workers Center  
Tidwell Group  
UnidosUS  
Universal Living Wage  
Urban Institute  
Voices for Civil Justice  
Volunteers of America  
We The Action  
Zigas & Associates

### **State and Local Organizations**

Accrue Planning & Land Use Svcs.	Alabama
Center for Fair Housing	Alabama
Central Alabama Fair Housing Center	Alabama
City of Florence	Alabama
Collaborative Solutions	Alabama
Community Service Programs of West Alabama	Alabama
Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama	Alabama
Low Income Housing Coalition of Alabama	Alabama
Alaska Community Development Corporation	Alaska
Love INC of the Kenai Peninsula	Alaska
Sitka Community Land Trust	Alaska
Ability360	Arizona
Arizona Housing Coalition	Arizona
Junto Affordable Housing, Inc.	Arizona
Southwest Fair Housing Council	Arizona
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living	Arkansas
City of Fort Smith	Arkansas
Housing Authority of Star City	Arkansas
Abode Communities	California
Age Well Senior Services	California
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence	California
Burbank Housing	California
California Coalition for Rural Housing	California
California Department of Housing and Community Development	California
California Homeless Youth Project	California

California Housing Consortium	California
California Housing Partnership Corporation	California
California Rural Legal Assistance	California
Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods	California
Century Housing Corporation	California
City of San Jose, Office of Emergency Management	California
City of Thousand Oaks	California
Colchester Creek	California
Community Housing Improvement Program	California
County of Napa, Health & Human Services Agency	California
County of Ventura	California
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund	California
Downtown Women's Center	California
EAH Housing	California
Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California	California
Fair Housing Council of Orange County	California
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.	California
Fair Housing Council of the San Fernando Valley	California
Fair Housing Napa Valley	California
Greater Napa Valley Fair Housing Center	California
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles	California
Housing California	California
Housing Rights Center	California
I Did Something Good Today Foundation	California
Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board	California
Legal Aid Association of California	California
Los Arcos	California
Oakland Tenants Union	California
Orange County United Way	California
Orange County, Housing and Community Development Division	California
Project Sentinel	California
PYATOK Architects	California
Redding Pilgrim House	California
Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation	California
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness	California
San Diego Housing Commission	California
Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing	California
St. Pete Progressives	California
State of California, Housing and Community Development	California
SV@Home	California
U.S. Veterans Initiative, Homeless Feeding & Housing Services	California
Voces Verdes	California
Western Center on Law and Poverty	California

American Planning Association, Colorado	Colorado
Colorado Coalition For The Homeless	Colorado
Community Restoration Partners	Colorado
Denver Metro Fair Housing Center	Colorado
Denver Relief Consulting	Colorado
Habitat for Humanity of Pueblo	Colorado
Metro Denver Homeless Initiative	Colorado
Spector and Associates	Colorado
Connecticut Fair Housing Center	Connecticut
Connecticut Housing Coalition	Connecticut
Connecticut Legal Rights Project	Connecticut
Connecticut State Independent Living Council	Connecticut
Greater Hartford Legal Aid	Connecticut
Housing Development Fund	Connecticut
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence	DC
MANNA	DC
North Capitol at Plymouth/Retirement Housing Foundation	DC
So Others Might Eat, Inc.	DC
Better Homes of Seaford	Delaware
Delaware State Housing Authority	Delaware
HerStory Ensemble	Delaware
Housing Alliance Delaware	Delaware
Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware	Delaware
Acts 2 Worship Center	Florida
Affordable Homeownership Foundation	Florida
Bay Area Legal Services	Florida
Beautiful Safe Beginnings	Florida
Bonita Bestcs	Florida
Bradford County Community Development	Florida
Catalyst Miami	Florida
Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida	Florida
Central Florida Community Action Agency	Florida
Central Florida Regional Planning Council	Florida
Centro De Ayuda Hispana DbA American Help Center	Florida
City of Pompano Beach	Florida
City of St. Petersburg, Housing & Community Development	Florida
Collier Resource Center, Inc.	Florida
Community Hope Center	Florida
Community Justice Project	Florida
Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.	Florida
Community Redevelopment Associates of Florida	Florida
Coordinating County of Broward County	Florida
Corporation for Community and Economic Development United	Florida

De Hostos Senior Center	Florida
Disability Rights Florida	Florida
Dr. Arthur Boyer Foundation	Florida
Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches	Florida
Family Matters of Flagler	Florida
First Community Christian Pentecostal Church of God	Florida
Florida Alliance for Assistance Services and Technology	Florida
Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection	Florida
Florida Alliance of Community Development Corporations	Florida
Florida Asian Services Center	Florida
Florida Bar Foundation	Florida
Florida Department of Children and Families	Florida
Florida Housing Coalition	Florida
Florida Legal Services	Florida
Florida Non-Profit Housing	Florida
Florida Rural Legal Services	Florida
Florida Southwestern State	Florida
Florida Student Power Network	Florida
Florida Supportive Housing Coalition	Florida
Good Neighbor Society	Florida
Grace And Truth Community Development Corporation	Florida
H.O.M.E.S., Inc.	Florida
Habitat for Humanity Alachua	Florida
Habitat for Humanity Florida	Florida
Habitat For Humanity Lakeland	Florida
Habitat for Humanity of Hardee County	Florida
Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas City	Florida
Hallisky & Davis	Florida
Homeless Services Network of Central Florida	Florida
Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers	Florida
Housing Leadership Council	Florida
Indian Horizon Of Florida	Florida
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid	Florida
Jessie Ball Dupont Fund	Florida
Latino Leadership	Florida
Lee County Development Corporation	Florida
Lee County Homeless Coalition	Florida
Legal Aid of Manasota	Florida
Legal Services of Greater Miami	Florida
Legal Services of North Florida	Florida
Meals on Wheels South Florida	Florida
Metro North Community Development Corporation	Florida
Miami Homes For All	Florida

NANAY Community Economic Development Corporation	Florida
New Florida Majority	Florida
New Horizons Of The Treasure Coast	Florida
New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority	Florida
Nonprofit Executive Alliance of Broward	Florida
Organize Florida	Florida
Pahokee Housing Authority	Florida
Personal Growth Center	Florida
Pro Source Real Estate And Property Service	Florida
Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade	Florida
Refuge Ministries of Tampa Bay/International	Florida
Religious Of The Sacred Heart Of Mary	Florida
Samaritan Dove	Florida
Samuel's House	Florida
SEIU Florida	Florida
Solar Habitats	Florida
South Florida Board of Realtists	Florida
South Florida Community Development Coalition	Florida
St. Johns Housing	Florida
St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. dba Neighborhood Home Solutions	Florida
State of Florida, Department of Children and Families	Florida
Student Advocacy Center of Bay County	Florida
Tallahassee Housing Authority	Florida
Tayan Alliances	Florida
The Farmworker Association of Florida	Florida
The Hendrickson Company	Florida
Three Rivers Legal Services	Florida
United Way of Florida	Florida
United Way South Sarasota County	Florida
University of Florida, CityLab	Florida
Wealth Watchers	Florida
Winter Haven Housing Authority	Florida
Youth and Family Alternatives	Florida
On the Grid Community Solutions	Florida
AIG Global Real Estate	Georgia
Community Outreach Training Center	Georgia
Eversheds Sutherland	Georgia
Fuller Center for Housing	Georgia
Georgia Advancing Communities Together	Georgia
Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness	Georgia
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Georgia
JCVision and Associates	Georgia

KFB Business Consultants	Georgia
Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless	Georgia
Metro Fair Housing Services	Georgia
NeighborWorks America, Southern Region	Georgia
Our Fine Arts These	Georgia
Poz Military Veterans USA	Georgia
Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc.	Georgia
Southeast Americans with Disabilities Act Center	Georgia
Standup For Kids	Georgia
Hawaii Appleseed	Hawaii
Hawaii County Government Office of Housing and Community Development	Hawaii
The CHOW Project	Hawaii
City of Nampa	Idaho
Intermountain Fair Housing Council	Idaho
Living Independence Network Corporation	Idaho
South Central Community Action Partnership	Idaho
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago	Illinois
Aurora Housing Authority	Illinois
Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet	Illinois
Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance	Illinois
Chicago Urban League	Illinois
CK and Associates	Illinois
Flood Forum USA	Illinois
Hispanic Housing Development Corporation	Illinois
HOPE Fair Housing Center	Illinois
Housing Action Illinois	Illinois
Housing Choice Partners	Illinois
Latin United Community Housing Association	Illinois
Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois	Illinois
Open Communities	Illinois
Park Ridge Housing Initiative	Illinois
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator	Illinois
South Suburban Housing Center	Illinois
The Resurrection Project	Illinois
Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates	Illinois
Bridges to Leadership	Indiana
Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana	Indiana
God's Helping Hand	Indiana
Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County	Indiana
Lake County, Department of Community Economic Development	Indiana
Polk County Housing Trust Fund	Iowa
Ellsworth Housing Authority	Kansas

Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Kansas
First World Architects Studio	Kentucky
Stephanie Sweeney & Associates	Kentucky
Alembic Community Development	Louisiana
Blueprints Consulting	Louisiana
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	Louisiana
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Cenla Community Action Committee	Louisiana
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority	Louisiana
<a href="#">Entergy Corp</a>	Louisiana
EXP Realty LLC	Louisiana
GL Realty Group LLC	Louisiana
Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center	Louisiana
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance	Louisiana
HousingNOLA	Louisiana
Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative	Louisiana
L9WHA	Louisiana
Louisiana Budget Project	Louisiana
Louisiana Appleseed	Louisiana
Mental Health America of Louisiana	Louisiana
MQVN Community Development Corporation	Louisiana
Providence Community Housing	Louisiana
Re/Max First	Louisiana
Sapience Strategies	Louisiana
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	Louisiana
The Data Center	Louisiana
Avesta Housing	Maine
CEI	Maine
Freeport Housing Trust	Maine
Maine Affordable Housing Coalition	Maine
Abt Associates	Maryland
Advocacy and Training Center	Maryland
Asian-American Homeownership Counseling	Maryland
Autism Women's Network	Maryland
Baltimore Neighborhoods	Maryland
Coalition Homes, Inc.	Maryland
Community Preservation and Development Corporation	Maryland
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces	Maryland
Du & Associates	Maryland
Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition	Maryland
Montgomery County Housing Opportunity Council	Maryland
Montgomery Housing Partnership	Maryland



Operation Pathways	Maryland
Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies	Maryland
Project PLASE	Maryland
Swift Thomas & Kemp Development Group	Maryland
Urban Atlantic	Maryland
Xaverian Brothers	Maryland
Birch Island Real Estate Consulting	Massachusetts
Citizens' Housing and Planning Association	Massachusetts
Edward A. Thomas Esq., LLC	Massachusetts
Homes for Families	Massachusetts
Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations	Massachusetts
Massachusetts Fair Housing Center	Massachusetts
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute	Massachusetts
Massachusetts YouthBuild Coalition	Massachusetts
Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless	Massachusetts
Natural Hazard Mitigation Association	Massachusetts
RoundStone Group	Massachusetts
Uniting Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton	Massachusetts
Building Families First Community Organization	Michigan
Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan	Michigan
Habitat for Humanity of Michigan	Michigan
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	Michigan
Michigan Historic Preservation Network	Michigan
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities	Minnesota
Integrated Community Solutions	Minnesota
Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma	Minnesota
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing	Minnesota
Minnesota Housing Partnership	Minnesota
Our Spring Lake Store	Minnesota
MS Center for Justice	Mississippi
Adventist Community Services Disaster Response	Missouri
Better Family Life	Missouri
Common Sense for an (un)Common Bond	Missouri
Community LINC	Missouri
Empower Missouri	Missouri
Greater Kansas City Housing Information Center	Missouri
Mid-America HeadStart	Missouri
Rainbow Housing Assistance Corporation	Missouri
ADAPT Montana	Montana
Friend Housing Authority	Nebraska
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team	Nebraska
ACTIONN	Nevada

Advocates for Peace and Social Justice	New Jersey
Affordable Housing Alliance	New Jersey
City of Jersey City, Community Development	New Jersey
Consumer Credit and Budget Counseling, Inc d/b/a National Foundation for Debt Management	New Jersey
Fair Share Housing Center of New Jersey	New Jersey
Habitat for Humanity Northern Ocean	New Jersey
Hamilton Partnership for Paterson	New Jersey
Housing Community Development Network of New Jersey	New Jersey
Jersey City, Office of Community Development	New Jersey
Legal Services of New Jersey	New Jersey
Manufactured Home Owners Association of New Jersey	New Jersey
Monarch Housing Associate	New Jersey
New Jersey Association on Correction	New Jersey
New Jersey Tenants Organization	New Jersey
New Mexico Coalition To End Homelessness	New Mexico
334 East 92nd Street Tenant Association	New York
Alliance Against Homeless of Bergen County	New York
Alternatives Federal Credit Union	New York
Arbor Housing And Development	New York
ARC Foundation	New York
Care for the Homeless	New York
Carroll Gardens Association	New York
Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York	New York
Center for New York City Neighborhoods	New York
Central Oklahoma Commercial Association of REALTORS	New York
Central Park Gardens Tenants' Association	New York
Chhaya Community Development Corporation	New York
City of Mt. Vernon, Continuum of Care	New York
CLUSTER Community Services	New York
CNY Fair Housing	New York
Coalition for the Homeless	New York
Columba Kavanagh House	New York
Community Access	New York
Community League of the Heights	New York
Community Solutions	New York
Coordinated Care Services, Inc.	New York
Delos	New York
Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse	New York
East Hampton Housing Authority	New York
Empire Justice Center	New York
Fair Housing Justice Center	New York
Family of Woodstock	New York

Flatbush Development Corporation	New York
Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation	New York
Geel Community Services	New York
Good Shepherd Services	New York
Habitat for Humanity New York City	New York
Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County	New York
Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties	New York
Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee	New York
Help Save Puerto Rico Initiative	New York
Hudson River Housing	New York
Human Development Services of Westchester	New York
Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley	New York
Lantern Community Services	New York
Local Initiatives Support Corporation, New York City	New York
Long Island Housing Services	New York
Make the Road New York	New York
Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition	New York
Morningside Heights Multi-Cultural Tenants Organization	New York
NAACP, Mid-Manhattan Branch	New York
Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, Inc.	New York
Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State	New York
New York Association on Independent Living	New York
New York City Housing Development Corporation	New York
New York Democratic County Committee	New York
New York Housing Coalition of Chemung County	New York
New York Housing Conference	New York
New York State Homes and Community Renewal	New York
New York State Rural Advocates	New York
New York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition	New York
Newburgh Housing Authority	New York
Northeast Hawley Development Association, Inc.	New York
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living	New York
PathStone Corporation	New York
Program Design and Development, LLC	New York
Project Hospitality	New York
Public Housing Communities	New York
Rebuilding Together New York City	New York
Rensselaer County Housing Resources	New York
Rensselaer Housing Authority	New York
Resource Center for Independent Living	New York
Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care, Inc.	New York
RUPCO	New York
Rutgers Resident Council	New York

South Country Community Land Trust	New York
Southern Tier Independence Center	New York
Southside United Housing Development Corporation	New York
Supportive Housing Network Of New York	New York
Tenants and Neighbors	New York
The Ali Forney Center	New York
The Community Preservation Corporation	New York
The Guidance Center of Westchester	New York
The Housing Council at PathStone	New York
Town of Hamburg	New York
Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program	New York
Westgate Tenants Association @ Stonehenge Village	New York
YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County	New York
YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County	New York
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region	New York
Center for Puerto Rican Studies	New York
Brock Ventures	North Carolina
Charlotte Housing Authority	North Carolina
City of Winston-Salem Community Development Department	North Carolina
Disability Rights North Carolina	North Carolina
Disability Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentoring (DREAM)	North Carolina
Financial Pathways of the Piedmont	North Carolina
Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation	North Carolina
Habitat for Humanity Wilson Area	North Carolina
Housing Authority of the City of High Point	North Carolina
Legal Aid of North Carolina	North Carolina
Mosaic Development Group	North Carolina
North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness	North Carolina
North Carolina Housing Coalition	North Carolina
North Carolina Housing Finance Agency	North Carolina
North Carolina Justice Center	North Carolina
North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center	North Carolina
Office of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper	North Carolina
Self-Help Credit Union	North Carolina
Working Films	North Carolina
Minot Area Homeless Coalition	North Dakota
Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio	Ohio
Barbara Poppe and Associates	Ohio
Central Ohio Fair Housing Association	Ohio
City of Toledo	Ohio
Cleveland Tenants Organization	Ohio
Council For Health & Human Service Ministries, United Church Of Christ	Ohio

Fair Housing Advocates Association	Ohio
Fair Housing Resource Center	Ohio
Housing Research & Advocacy Center	Ohio
Miami Valley Fair Housing Center	Ohio
Sisters of Charity	Ohio
The Partnership Center	Ohio
YMCA Columbus	Ohio
DeBruler, Inc.	Oklahoma
Baker Schonchin Holdings Corporation	Oregon
Linn-Benton Housing Authority	Oregon
Northwest Consumer Affairs	Oregon
ROSE Community Development	Oregon
Willamette West Habitat for Humanity	Oregon
Allentown Housing Authority	Pennsylvania
Beaver County Behavioral Health	Pennsylvania
Capreit	Pennsylvania
Catholic Social Services Scranton	Pennsylvania
Housing Development Corporation MidAtlantic	Pennsylvania
Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Integra Home Counseling	Pennsylvania
Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County	Pennsylvania
Liberty Resource	Pennsylvania
Livable Housing, Inc.	Pennsylvania
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	Pennsylvania
Nazareth Housing Services	Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Association of Housing & Redevelopment Agencies	Pennsylvania
Scranton Counseling Center	Pennsylvania
Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
American Baptist Home Mission Societies	Puerto Rico
Ayuda Legal Huracán María	Puerto Rico
Bill's Kitchen	Puerto Rico
Casa La Providencia	Puerto Rico
Coalición de Coaliciones Pro Personas sin Hogar de PR	Puerto Rico
Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña	Puerto Rico
Corporacion La Fondita de Jesus	Puerto Rico
Corporacion Milagros del Amor	Puerto Rico
Fundacion CAF	Puerto Rico
Fundación Fondo de Acceso a la Justicia, Inc.	Puerto Rico
Habitat for Humanity Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico
Hope Builders Inc	Puerto Rico
Instituto Especial para el Desarrollo Integral del Individuo, la Familia y la Comunidad, Inc.	Puerto Rico
Island View Resort	Puerto Rico

Mavi PR	Puerto Rico
MAVI-NEADA	Puerto Rico
PathStone Corporation	Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico Legal Services	Puerto Rico
Puertorrican Planning Society	Puerto Rico
Red de Fundaciones de Puerto Rico Inc.	Puerto Rico
Servicios Legales	Puerto Rico
Taller Salud	Puerto Rico
HousingWorks Rhode Island	Rhode Island
City of Charleston, Housing and Community Development	SC
Affordable Housing Coalition of South Carolina	South Carolina
Development Steps	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity Abbeville/McCormick Counties	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity Aiken County	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity of Cherokee Co	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity of Kershaw County	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg	South Carolina
Habitat for Humanity of York County	South Carolina
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center	South Carolina
South Carolina Association of Habitat Affiliates	South Carolina
South Carolina Community Loan Fund	South Carolina
South Carolina Housing	South Carolina
Erwin Housing Authority	Tennessee
GAP Community Development Resources	Tennessee
Shield	Tennessee
The Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Community Development Corporation	Tennessee
Accessible Housing Austin!	Texas
Accessible Housing Resources	Texas
ACTION CDC	Texas
Advocacy Outreach	Texas
American Youthworks	Texas
Atlantic Housing Foundation	Texas
Austin Community Design & Development Center	Texas
Austin Habitat for Humanity	Texas
Austin Housing Coalition	Texas
Austin Tenants Council	Texas
Boat People SOS	Texas
Business and Community Lenders of Texas	Texas
Cambridge Development Group	Texas
Career and Recovery Resources	Texas
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	Texas
Center for Public Policy Priorities	Texas
Center For Transforming Lives	Texas

City of Amarillo	Texas
City of Beaumont	Texas
City of Corpus Christi	Texas
City of Galveston	Texas
City of Garland	Texas
City of Houston, Housing and Community Development	Texas
City of McAllen	Texas
City of Pasadena	Texas
City of Plano	Texas
City of Rockport	Texas
Coalition for Environment, Equity and Resilience	Texas
Coalition For The Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Texas
Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living	Texas
County of Hidalgo, Texas	Texas
Covenant Community Capital	Texas
Del Rio Housing Authority	Texas
Dental Health Arlington	Texas
Disability Rights Texas	Texas
Easter Seals Greater Houston	Texas
ECHOS	Texas
Family Restoration and Economic Empowerment	Texas
GrantWorks	Texas
Greater Houston Fair Housing Center	Texas
Greater Houston Partnership	Texas
Greer Duncan Foundation Womens Center	Texas
Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation	Texas
HARC Research	Texas
Harris County, Community Services Department	Texas
Harris County, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Texas
House the Homeless	Texas
Housing Channel	Texas
Housing for Houston	Texas
Houston Area Urban League	Texas
Houston Center For Independent Living	Texas
Houston Endowment, Inc.	Texas
Houston Habitat for Humanity	Texas
Houston Housing Authority	Texas
Humble Area Assistance Ministries	Texas
I Am Pleased Development Center	Texas
Inclusive Communities Project	Texas
La Union Del Pueblo Entero	Texas
Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Houston	Texas

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, San Antonio	Texas
Lone Star Legal Aid	Texas
Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County	Texas
Meals on Wheels Texas	Texas
Mid-Coast Family Services	Texas
My Brother's Keeper Outreach Center	Texas
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Abilene	Texas
Neighborworks Laredo	Texas
New Hope Housing	Texas
North Texas Fair Housing Center	Texas
Northwest Assistance Ministries	Texas
Project LIFT	Texas
Proyecto Azteca	Texas
RAISE Texas	Texas
Rebekah Baines Johnson Center	Texas
San Antonio Coalition For Veterans And Families	Texas
San Antonio Housing Authority	Texas
State Bar of Texas, Legal Access Division	Texas
State of Texas, Department of Housing and Community Affairs	Texas
Team Rubicon	Texas
Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers	Texas
Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers	Texas
Texas Appleseed	Texas
Texas Association of Community Development Corporations	Texas
Texas General Land Office	Texas
Texas Homeless Network	Texas
Texas Housers	Texas
Texas Organizing Project	Texas
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid	Texas
Texas Tenants' Union	Texas
The Victoria Advocate	Texas
True Casa Consulting	Texas
Valley AIDS Council	Texas
Volunteers of America, Texas	Texas
Waco Community Development	Texas
Waco Housing Authority	Texas
Crossroads Urban Center	Utah
Family Promise	Utah
Salt Lake City County, Continuum of Care	Utah
Salt Lake Homeless Coordinating Council	Utah
Utah Center for Civic Improvement	Utah
Utah Housing Coalition	Utah
Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing	Vermont



Housing Vermont	Vermont
Randolph Area Community Development Corporation	Vermont
RuralEdge	Vermont
Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition	Vermont
U.S. Virgin Islands Housing Authority	Virgin Islands
Community Housing Partners	Virginia
Habitat for Humanity Farmville Area	Virginia
Habitat for Humanity Virginia	Virginia
Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia	Virginia
James City County	Virginia
Neighborhood Housing Services of Richmond, Inc.	Virginia
Piedmont Housing Alliance	Virginia
Prosperity Housing	Virginia
Shelter House	Virginia
SP Group LLC	Virginia
The Simon Firm, Inc.	Virginia
Virginia Housing Alliance	Virginia
Catholic Charities Housing Services of Yakima	Washington
Design Research	Washington
Fair Housing Center of Washington	Washington
Greenfield Institute	Washington
Homeward Bound Community Land Trust	Washington
Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness	Washington
Tenants Union of Washington State	Washington
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance	Washington
Whatcom Skagit Housing	Washington
Central Appalachia Empowerment Zone of West Virginia	West Virginia
Mountain Hospice	West Virginia
Affordable Housing Action Alliance	Wisconsin
Commonwealth Companies	Wisconsin
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin	Wisconsin
IndependenceFirst	Wisconsin
Tenant Resource Center	Wisconsin
Winnebago County Housing Authority	Wisconsin
Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers	Wisconsin
Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development	Wisconsin
Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless	Wyoming