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## **Budget and Appropriations**

### **Agreement on Final FY24 Spending Bill Is Near with Little Time Remaining before 3/1 Deadline – Take Action!**

Members of Congress are considering another short-term continuing resolution (CR) lasting no more than two weeks to push back the deadline to enact four of the 12 fiscal year (FY) 2024 spending bills, including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill that funds HUD's vital affordable housing and homelessness programs. The CR currently covering THUD and three other funding bills is slated to expire on March 1; the CR for the other eight bills will expire on March 8.

With funding levels now decided, appropriators are close to agreement on a final bill but must first resolve disagreements over controversial "policy riders" being pushed by conservative Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Still, even if an agreement is reached and final bill text released soon, members of Congress will have less than a week to pass the four bills through both chambers. The Senate returns from recess today, while members of the House will not return to session until Wednesday, February 28. Therefore, even if the House takes up the spending bills immediately, there will be little time for the Senate to process and pass them before March 1, making the likelihood of another CR – or a partial government shutdown – increasingly likely.

With less than a week before the March 1 deadline, federal agencies that would be impacted by the potential shutdown released updated guidance about how their activities would be affected. In the case of HUD, nearly all the department's fair housing activities would cease, and most of HUD's roughly 8,600 staff would be furloughed. Programs like emergency housing services for people experiencing homelessness and housing vouchers would continue. However, long-term shutdowns put even these programs at risk – the longer a shutdown, the more serious the impact.

### **Take Action: Tell Congress to Pass a Final FY24 Spending Bill for HUD!**

Your advocacy makes a difference! It is thanks to the hard work of advocates that – at a time when [programs faced cuts of up 25%](#) – HUD received increased funding in both the House and Senate FY24 proposals. But the fight isn't over!

Congress needs to keep hearing from you about the importance of affordable housing and homelessness programs! **NLIHC is calling on Congress to finalize and pass an FY24 spending bill with increased funding for HUD's programs as soon as possible**, including:

- Full funding to renew all existing contracts for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.
- Increased funding for public housing operations and repairs.
- At minimum, the Senate's proposed \$3.9 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants.
- The protection of \$20 million in funding for the Eviction Prevention Grant Program provided in the Senate bill.
- The House's proposed \$1.1 billion for Native Housing.

Advocates can continue to engage their members of Congress by:

- **Emailing or calling members' offices** to tell them about the importance of affordable housing, homelessness, and community development resources to you, your family, your community, or your work. You can [use NLIHC's Take Action page](#) to look up your member offices, or call/send an email directly!
- **Using social media to amplify messages** about the country's affordable housing and homelessness crisis, and the continued need for long-term solutions.
- **Sharing stories** of those directly impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Storytelling adds emotional weight to your message, and can help lawmakers see how their policy decisions impact actual people. Learn about [how to tell compelling stories with this resource](#).

National, state, local, tribal, and territorial organizations can [also join over 2,200 organizations on CHCDF's national letter](#) calling on Congress to support the highest level of funding possible for affordable housing, homelessness, and community development resources in FY24.

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## Congress

### **Senator Padilla and Representative Lieu Reintroduce Legislation to Address Affordable Housing and Homelessness Crises**

Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Representative Ted Lieu (D-CA) [announced](#) the reintroduction of the "Housing for All Act" ([S.2701, H.R.5254](#)) on February 21. The bill would address the growing affordable housing and homelessness crises by providing robust investments in deeply affordable housing, housing vouchers, and homelessness response services.

The Housing for All Act would help address the severe shortage of 7.3 million homes affordable and available for people with the lowest incomes by investing in the national Housing Trust Fund, supportive housing programs for the elderly and people with disabilities, and the HOME Investment Partnerships program. The bill would also help bridge the widening gap between incomes and housing costs by investing in the Housing Choice Voucher program and Project-Based Rental Assistance. Additionally, the bill would help address the homelessness crisis by investing in the emergency solutions grant program and Continuums of Care, hotel and motel conversions to permanent supportive housing, and the Eviction Protection Grant Program, among other approaches.

"Rents are sky high, eviction filings have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, and more people are facing housing insecurity, eviction, and homelessness," said NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel. "More than ever, bold policies are needed to significantly expand federal investments in affordable, accessible housing for the nation's lowest-income and most marginalized households. I applaud Senator Padilla for introducing the 'Housing for All Act,' which provides the robust investments in deeply affordable, accessible housing, universal rental assistance, and homelessness response services needed to end homelessness and housing poverty once and for all."

Read Senator Padilla's press release at: <http://tinyurl.com/yeyvsafx>

Read a one-pager on the Housing for All Act at: <http://tinyurl.com/y5aruuyf>

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## **Housing Policy Forum 2024**

### **In-Person Registration for NLIHC's Housing Policy Forum 2024 Is Sold Out – Register to Attend Virtually Today!**

Taking place March 19-21 at the Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C., Housing Policy Forum 2024: An Unwavering Path Forward to Housing Justice will feature conversations with administrative officials and key leaders in Congress, as well as an array of other compelling speakers and panelists who will discuss the housing and homelessness crisis in America and its solutions. In-person registration for Housing Policy Forum 2024 is **sold out**, and on-site registration is unavailable, but you can still [register today to attend virtually!](#)

Virtual registrants will have livestream access to plenary sessions, including an opening keynote discussion with civil rights attorney and scholar **Sherrilyn Ifill**, a closing keynote address by author and journalist **Dr. Jelani Cobb**, and addresses by **Representatives Maxwell Frost (D-FL)**, **Cori Bush (D-MO)**, and **Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)**!

NLIHC's Engagefully app will be available for download on Saturday, March 16. Ahead of that time, we encourage in-person registrants to [customize their full event schedule](#) and secure seats for plenary sessions, breakout sessions, receptions, and more!

For questions on customizing your full event schedule, please contact [events@nlihc.org](mailto:events@nlihc.org).

*Please note that due to legislative voting schedules, participation from congressional members is subject to change.*

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### **Rep. Cori Bush to Join Plenary Discussion at Housing Policy Forum 2024!**

Congresswoman Cori Bush (D-MO) of the U.S. House of Representatives will participate in a plenary discussion at NLIHC's Housing Policy Forum 2024. As the sponsor of the "Unhoused Bill of Rights," Representative Bush will discuss the path forward to racial equity and housing justice, as well as the long-term solutions needed to address homelessness and housing insecurity. The plenary discussion will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 11:00 am. [Register today to attend the Forum virtually.](#)

In addition to Representative Bush, Housing Policy Forum 2024 will host a number of other speakers, including **Representative Maxwell Frost (D-FL)**, who will offer his thoughts about the path forward for ensuring long-term housing and homelessness solutions for those most in need in the U.S., and **Representative Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)**, who will discuss his support for

transformative legislation to create permanent tools for preventing evictions and a new renter's tax credit.

The Forum will also feature an opening keynote discussion with acclaimed civil rights attorney and scholar **Sherrilyn Ifill**, and a closing keynote address by renowned author and journalist **Dr. Jelani Cobb**.

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## **Register for 2/29 Webinar to Prepare for NLIHC's Annual Capitol Hill Day**

NLIHC will host a prep webinar this Thursday, February 29, from 2 to 3 pm ET to help advocates prepare to participate in Capitol Hill Day on March 21. The prep webinar will cover NLIHC's policy priorities, explore congressional advocacy strategies, and provide ideas about how advocates can effectively convey their experiences and needs to members of Congress during Capitol Hill Day. [Register for the webinar today.](#)

Capitol Hill Day is the concluding event of NLIHC's annual Housing Policy Forum, taking place this year on March 19-21 at the Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Every year, advocates from around the country attend Capitol Hill to share their policy insights and suggestions with members of Congress and their staffs. To participate in Capitol Hill Day, [register for the Forum](#), and check the "Yes, I will participate" box on the registration page.

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## **Opportunity Starts at Home**

### **New Article Explores Impacts of Housing Instability on Children's Access to Safety Net Programs**

A new [article](#) in *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, draws on survey data from Opportunity Starts at Home (OSAH) campaign partner Children's HealthWatch (CHW) to demonstrate that cost-related disruptions in housing stability have significant impacts on many different safety net programs affecting family well-being. Using cross-sectional survey data on caregivers and children recruited into the study from emergency departments and primary care clinics in Baltimore and Philadelphia between 2011 and 2019, the article explores the reasons for family moves and how those moves relate to participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and Medicaid. The authors find that those families experiencing cost-related moves were more likely also to experience disrupted access to social safety net programs, and they emphasize the importance of keeping children connected to housing, food, and healthcare. Like Children's HealthWatch, the American Academy of Pediatrics is an OSAH campaign partner. Read the article [here](#) and additional commentary [here](#).

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## Research

### **Vouchers May Be Insufficient to Facilitate Upward Mobility for Families with Health Vulnerabilities without Additional Relocation Services**

A study published in *Housing Policy Debate*, "[Does Poor Health Influence Residential Selection? Understanding Mobility among Low-Income Housing Voucher Recipients in the Moving to Opportunity Study.](#)" evaluates the association between health and the upward residential mobility of families participating in the [Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing Demonstration Project \(MTO\) Study](#). The research finds that traditional, unrestricted Section 8 voucher recipients with health vulnerabilities were less likely to experience upward mobility over time compared to healthy recipients. However, families who received Section 8 vouchers that were geographically restricted to low-poverty neighborhoods and coupled with counseling experienced greater upward mobility over time, regardless of health status.

The researchers analyzed individual- and family-level data from 3,526 families who participated in the HUD-sponsored MTO study, a randomized controlled trial involving families with children under 18 who lived in public housing in five U.S. cities (Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York). Participating families were assigned to one of three groups: one comprising participants who received a "traditional" (geographically unrestricted) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher; another comprising participants who received a geographically restricted Section 8 voucher that could only be used in "low-poverty" areas with a Census Tract poverty rate below 10% and that were coupled with counseling services to help with relocation; and a control group comprising participants who remained in public housing.

The MTO study included a baseline survey at the start of the study (1994-1998) and a follow-up survey (2001-2002). The researchers classified a family as having a health vulnerability if, at baseline, the family reported that someone in the household had a disability, or if a child in the household had a health issue related to special needs, development, mental or physical health, or a learning disability. To evaluate residential upward mobility, the researchers operationalized data from the Child Opportunity Index (COI), which classifies neighborhood opportunity as "very low," "low," "moderate," "high," and "very high" based on 19 indicators related to educational, health, environmental, social, and economic conditions.

The researchers first assessed whether MTO families used their vouchers to move into higher-opportunity neighborhoods. They found that regardless of health status, MTO voucher type was the strongest indicator of neighborhood opportunity over time. When the study began, over 70% of all MTO families lived in very-low-opportunity neighborhoods. Between baseline and follow-up, all MTO families who received a voucher experienced greater gains in neighborhood opportunity than the control families who remained in public housing. However, families who received the low-poverty vouchers coupled with counseling services were significantly more likely to move to higher-opportunity neighborhoods (on average) than those who received a traditional, unrestricted voucher.



The researchers further analyzed the three-way relationship between MTO voucher type, baseline health status, and time. They found that among MTO participants who received a low-poverty voucher coupled with counseling services, healthy families initially moved to higher-opportunity neighborhoods compared to families with health vulnerabilities. Over the study period, however, these two groups ended up in neighborhoods with similar average opportunity indices, regardless of health status. Conversely, healthy traditional, unrestricted voucher recipients remained in higher-opportunity neighborhoods over time compared to the control group, whereas traditional, unrestricted voucher recipients with health vulnerabilities eventually returned to lower-opportunity neighborhoods similar to those of the control group.

The researchers conclude that families with health vulnerabilities may struggle to obtain and sustain upward mobility for myriad reasons, including social and health ties to their original communities, health-related expenses, and limited bandwidth to find and relocate to better neighborhoods. The researchers speculate that the coupling of relocation and housing counseling services provided with the low-poverty vouchers may have reduced or eliminated barriers to sustaining upward mobility for these families. They call on housing mobility programs to provide in-depth client-needs assessments and tailored housing-mobility counseling that includes addressing family health issues.

Read the article at: <https://bit.ly/3T83an8>

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## From the Field

### **Cleveland Passes Ordinance to Strengthen Habitability Standards and Address Problems Related to Out-of-Town Landlords**

Lawmakers in Cleveland, Ohio, passed a new ordinance on February 5 that will protect tenants from subpar living conditions by creating a way for rental housing code violations in units owned by out-of-town landlords to be addressed in a timely manner. “[Ordinance No. 1039-2023](#)” requires out-of-town landlords to assign to their rental units local agents who can be reached in the event of health or safety issues related to the units. Those assigned to oversee properties must reside in one of the local counties approved by the Cleveland City Council and will be liable for addressing housing code violations in the properties. The law also imposes financial consequences for landlords who do not address maintenance problems in their rental properties.

By passing “[Ordinance No. 1039-2023](#),” the lawmakers seek to address a growing problem in the city. Over the past decade, housing officials in the city have watched the number of out-of-town landlords, known also as “absentee” landlords, [increase drastically](#). Many out-of-town landlords in the Cleveland-area are limited liability companies (LLCs) and property management companies that have been attracted by low-cost properties whose values have not recovered from the city’s [foreclosure crisis](#).

Frank Ford, a researcher with the [Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research](#) in Cleveland, draws attention to the dual negative impact of absentee investors on low-and-moderate income families. “The low prices these homes are selling for, often below \$50,000, should represent



affordable homeownership opportunities, but investors are grabbing up these homes and paying cash, shutting down those opportunities.” Moreover, “the data shows these investors are less likely to maintain the homes, forcing tenants to live with housing code violations.” Ford also notes “this increased investor activity, and the negative consequences that follow, are disproportionately impacting people of color neighborhoods of Cleveland.”

With so many new absentee landlords in the city, housing code violations have often gone unchecked. In 2022, for example, lawmakers in the city levied a [lawsuit](#) against a group of absentee landlords for failing to address more than 100 housing code violations in three apartment buildings. Tenants in the properties noted instances of mold and leaks – common habitability issues that are generally found in older housing structures that are not well maintained. Across the nation, it is [reported](#) that 16% of all renter-occupied units are affected by at least one habitability-related issue, including lack of smoke detectors, lack of plumbing, or presence of mold.

Faulty housing structures and conditions can exacerbate health disparities among children and families. The U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion notes a causal link between housing quality and mental and physical health in particular. For children, poor housing quality can have [effects](#) that persist well beyond childhood, often causing delayed cognitive development due to prolonged lead exposure. Additionally, leaky pipes in a household can lead to the growth of mold, which in turn can increase the likelihood of adults and children developing issues such as asthma. Meanwhile, lack of heating inside a residential unit can lead to [impacts](#) related to mental health outcomes, like a heightened risk of developing depression.

The new law, which has been named the “Resident’s First” law by Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, a key proponent of the bill, will make it easier for tenants to reach their landlords to ensure that any housing code issues they face will be rectified. Attempts to reform Cleveland’s housing laws are part of a larger effort championed by Mayor Bibb, who in September 2023 released a comprehensive [agenda](#) to reform the city’s housing enforcement laws.

Under the new law, all rental properties will be required to have a “[local agent in charge](#).” The agent will be required to provide their contact information, including an updated method of communication by which they can be reached. The owner of a property can be assigned as their own agent; however, they must be a resident of Cuyahoga County or an adjacent county, including Medina, Summit, Portage, Geauga, Lake, or Lorain counties.

Similar laws have been passed across the nation. For example, the [State of Rhode Island](#) required landlords and property owners to register their residence with the state and provide information about a local individual who will be responsible for maintaining and overseeing any rental unit. Under Rhode Island’s law, a landlord or property owner must provide the name, address, and phone number of the property’s responsible party, and that party is legally responsible for the unit.

Under Cleveland’s new civil ticketing system, moreover, city officials will be able to levy fines against landlords, or a property’s local agent in charge, to ensure tenants are not forced to live in dilapidated housing. Through the new civil ticketing system, the city will be able to issue fines of

\$200 per day to landlords violating the new ordinance. If the fines are not paid by the landlord or agent, the fees will be added to the owner’s property tax bill.

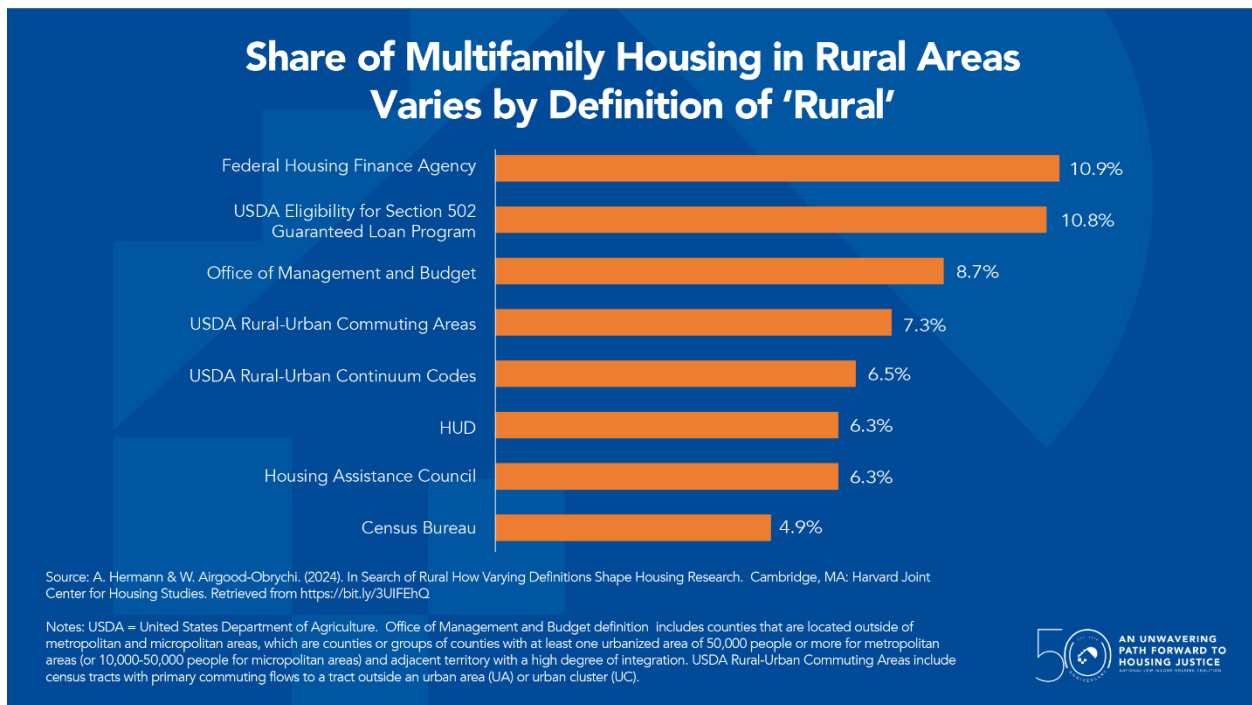
The passage of Cleveland’s new law followed more than three hours of debate by City Council members. The ordinance originally included point-of-sale inspections for vacant properties, but this provision was ultimately rejected. The Council will attempt to [address](#) the issue of inspections for vacant properties this spring.

Learn more about the new ordinance [here](#).

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## Fact of the Week

### Share of Multifamily Housing in Rural Areas Varies by Definition of ‘Rural’



Source: A. Hermann & W. Airgood-Obrychi. (2024). In Search of Rural: How Varying Definitions Shape Housing Research. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies. Retrieved from: <https://bit.ly/3UIFEhQ>

Notes: USDA = United States Department of Agriculture. Office of Management and Budget definition includes counties that are located outside of metropolitan and micropolitan areas, which are counties or groups of counties with at least one urbanized area of 50,000 people or more for metropolitan areas (or 10,000-50,000 people for micropolitan areas) and adjacent territory with a high degree of integration. USDA Rural-Urban Commuting Areas include census tracts with primary commuting flows to a tract outside an urban area (UA) or urban cluster (UC).

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## **NLIHC Careers**

### **NLIHC Seeks Housing Advocacy Coordinators/Organizers**

NLIHC seeks three housing advocacy coordinators/organizers (depending on experience) who will be responsible for building relationships around the country, mobilizing advocates to take action on NLIHC's federal policy priorities and campaign efforts, and maintaining and expanding NLIHC membership with individuals and organizations. Housing advocacy coordinators/organizers will report to the director of field organizing.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Build and maintain relationships with NLIHC state and tribal partners, members, people directly impacted by housing instability and homelessness, and other housing and homelessness advocates and service providers.
- Conduct outreach to maintain and expand NLIHC's membership with individuals and organizations through monthly mailings, emails, and phone calls.
- Mobilize NLIHC's network of advocates to take action on federal affordable housing policy issues.
- Present at meetings and conferences in D.C. and around the country to share NLIHC's research, policy priorities, and how advocates can get engaged in NLIHC's work.
- Respond to requests for information from NLIHC state and tribal partners, members, the media, and the public.
- Track field activity in assigned region and promote activities of NLIHC's network, especially state and tribal partners and members, through NLIHC's communication platforms.
- Create and maintain advocacy tools in collaboration with the Policy Team, such as NLIHC's Legislative Action Center, advocacy toolkits, how-to tutorials, sample emails and phone call scripts, and sign-on letters.
- Contribute to field communications, including NLIHC's weekly e-newsletters *Memo to Members and Partners* and *The Connection*, calls to action and other eblasts, website pages and materials, blog posts, social media, and NLIHC's *Tenant Talk* publication.
- Maintain contact database in Salesforce and other platforms. Produce membership reports and lists as needed to support the work of NLIHC.
- Identify and cultivate potential new state and tribal partners in places where NLIHC seeks to build a stronger base of advocates.
- Support planning and implementation of NLIHC's annual Housing Policy Forum, including speaker recruitment and organizing participants of Capitol Hill Day.
- Participate in NLIHC staff meetings, staff training, monthly state and tribal partner Zoom meetings, and other meetings as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### **Qualifications:**

- A housing advocacy coordinator will hold a bachelor's degree (master's degree preferred) and have up to two years of experience in policy advocacy, community or macro organizing, membership coordination, or direct assistance to low-income communities. People with lived experience of housing instability or homelessness who hope to shape housing policy at a national level and who have experience in lieu of a degree are encouraged to apply.
- A housing advocacy organizer will hold a master's degree and have at least two years of work experience in policy advocacy, community or macro organizing, membership coordination, or direct assistance to low-income communities. Candidates with an additional three years of work experience in lieu of a master's degree will be considered.
- Candidates should have the ability to work in a diverse, fast-paced environment; strong organizational skills; oral and interpersonal communication skills; networking skills; writing skills; and attention to detail.
- Strong commitment to social, racial, and housing justice and knowledge of the fundamentals of affordable housing or homelessness.
- Demonstrated ability to cultivate positive relationships with marginalized individuals, including those with lived experiences with housing insecurity and homelessness.
- Demonstrated experience and ability to recognize and respond to the ways race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity intersect to further promote racial equity and social justice.
- Ability to travel to speaking engagements several times a year.
- Proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite and Zoom. Familiarity with Salesforce, Mailchimp, GiveSmart, or Phone2Action a plus.

An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, NLIHC offers a competitive benefits package. These are full-time positions located in Washington, D.C. on hybrid work schedules. The housing advocacy coordinator salary range is \$67,000-\$90,000 (depending on experience). The housing advocacy organizer salary range is \$87,000-\$102,000 (depending on experience).

### **How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to Sarah Saadian, senior vice president of public policy and field organizing, and Brooke Schipporeit, director of field organizing, at: [ssaadian@nlihc.org](mailto:ssaadian@nlihc.org) and [bschipporeit@nlihc.org](mailto:bschipporeit@nlihc.org)

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### **NLIHC Seeks Data Systems Coordinator**

NLIHC seeks a data systems coordinator to ensure effective and efficient organization-wide use of Salesforce, related data, and integrated platforms to support the organization's fundraising, membership, and advocacy initiatives and boost staff and organization efficiency and productivity. The data systems coordinator reports to the director of operations and works collaboratively with all Salesforce users across the organization.

**Responsibilities:**

- Manage day-to-day administration of the Salesforce Nonprofit CRM, supporting 10+ users across several teams.
- Strategize with teams about the most effective use of data systems and make database customizations to streamline workflows, making Salesforce the central hub for the organization.
- Oversee integrations between Salesforce and other platforms – including Mailchimp, GiveSmart, Phone2Action, and Zoom – using declarative API services (like Zapier) and other solutions.
- Customize Salesforce objects, fields, flows, and lists.
- Build custom reports, forms/surveys, and dashboards specific to job functions.
- Generate process maps for workflows related to membership, donations, grants, and events.
- Manage data integrity, data reporting and dashboards, and standard data processes within the system.
- Conduct data audits, update required information, and eliminate duplicate and/or outdated records.
- Maintain control of access rights, security settings, and user privileges.
- Provide organization-wide training on the importance of Salesforce as a central hub for the organization and how staff work is connected, including non-CRM users. Provide additional training to CRM users and meet regularly to discuss best practices and troubleshoot issues.
- Serve as liaison to all vendor solutions.
- Identify opportunities for growth and understand how to make those changes happen.
- Stay abreast of new platform features and determine value to organization, update database, and train staff as appropriate.
- Explore future options for vendors as necessary.
- Coordinate future special projects, including integration of Salesforce with Sage Intacct Accounting software and managing email operations related to building email subscriber lists and segments of contacts.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

This is a full-time position in Washington, DC. Applicants must have a strong commitment to social justice and NLIHC's mission. Other requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum two years' experience supporting Salesforce, preferably in a non-profit environment, with experience creating and managing flows, donor records, revenue tracking, campaigns, custom objects, and the integration of other platforms.
- Strong project management, data management, and training and support skills.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Strong computer and technical skills, including advanced MS Excel Skills.

- Ability to develop strong relationships and effectively work with individuals across all levels and departments.
- Effective time management, organization, and leadership skills.
- People-oriented person with customer-service approach to supporting colleagues who can work collaboratively to understand/address data-related concerns of various teams.
- Resourceful and willing to learn, constantly thinking and learning about innovation and process.
- Ability to be innovative, identify areas of improvement, and grow and change as the organization changes.

An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, NLIHC offers a competitive salary and a generous benefits package. The salary range for this position is \$67,000 to \$90,000.

### **How to Apply:**

Send a cover letter and resume to: Director of Operations Lakesha Dawson (NLIHC, 1000 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005) at [ldawson@nlihc.org](mailto:ldawson@nlihc.org). The cover letter should describe the candidate's interest in and relevant experiences for the position and include salary requirements. Please also include names and contact information for at least three people serving as candidate references. (NLIHC will not contact references before consulting with the candidate.)

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## **NLIHC Seeks Disaster Housing Recovery Policy Coordinator**

NLIHC seeks a disaster housing recovery policy coordinator responsible for identifying, analyzing, advocating for, and engaging the Coalition's membership and network in actions on federal policy and regulatory activities related to the Coalition's mission and priorities, especially in the realm of disaster housing recovery. The disaster housing recovery policy coordinator will report to the manager of disaster recovery.

### **Responsibilities:**

The disaster housing recovery policy coordinator will:

- 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 (DHRC) are apprised of key developments and events.
- Monitor disaster housing recovery efforts by maintaining frequent contact with local partners; hold regularly scheduled calls for local partners about implementation issues.
- Advocate for DHRC and Coalition positions before members of Congress and the administration; prepare letters, visits, phone calls, and e-mails to congressional members and their staff.

- Develop materials that translate pending proposals and actions into accessible and understandable formats for DHRC members and partners; respond to requests for information from members and other network participants.
- 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 staffs.
- Represent NLIHC before selected national partners; participate in the planning and implementation of NLIHC's Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition.
- Assist in coordinating regular DHRC meetings; coordinate and facilitate working group meetings, prepare materials, and make presentations; attend meetings and events of other coalitions.
- Work together with NLIHC field staff and DHRC members in impacted communities to stay abreast of disaster recovery issues and other housing concerns.
- 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.
- Represent NLIHC at meetings and conferences in Washington, DC, and across the nation.
- Plan and implement briefings, dialogues, and other informational forums on issues related to DHRC priorities and initiatives.
- Monitor, and provide updates for, the Coalition website. Attend (and report on, as requested) all meetings of the Board of Directors; participate in staff meetings, trainings, and events.
- 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 or law degree preferred). A degree in public policy, public administration, emergency management, or related area is a plus. Applicants should have a commitment to social, racial, and housing justice and some knowledge of the fundamentals of affordable housing, homelessness, disaster recovery, environmental justice, 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 skills, 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 benefits package. This is a full-time, two-year grant-funded position (with the possibility of extension) located in Washington, DC. The salary range is \$67,000 to \$90,000.

### **How to Apply:**



Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to Sarah Saadian, senior vice president of public policy and field organizing, and Noah Patton, manager of disaster recovery, at: [ssaadian@nlihc.org](mailto:ssaadian@nlihc.org) and [npatton@nlihc.org](mailto:npatton@nlihc.org)

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## **NLIHC in the News**

### **NLIHC in the News for the Week of February 18**

The following are some of the news stories to which NLIHC contributed during the week of February 18:

- “Life in a ‘Death Trap’: How Tenants Rose Up Against a Federally Funded Mega-Landlord” *Vice*, February 20 at: <http://tinyurl.com/3zde2wpj>
  - “The Supreme Court Is on the Verge of Criminalizing Homelessness” *The New Republic*, February 20 at: <http://tinyurl.com/24675yua>
  - “Black and Latino renters hit hardest by all-time high rents” *The Houston Defender*, February 20 at: <http://tinyurl.com/37cfw4aa>
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### **Where to Find Us – February 26**

- [Neighborworks Training Institute](#) – San Francisco, CA, February 26-27 (Sid Betancourt)
  - [YIMBYtown 2024](#) – Austin, TX, February 26-28 (Courtney Cooperman)
  - [Arizona Housing Coalition Conference](#) – Mesa, AZ, February 27 (Lindsay Duvall)
  - National Alliance to End Homelessness, [2024 Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness](#) Preconference – San Francisco, CA, March 4 (Courtney Cooperman)
  - [Housing California 2024 Annual Conference](#) – Long Beach, CA, March 6-8 (Sarah Saadian)
  - Housing 2024 California Annual Conference: Celebrating Successes, Shaping the Future – Long Beach, CA, March 7 (Diane Yentel)
  - [United Native American Housing Association](#) Annual Meeting – Denver, CO, March 25-26 (Kayla Laywell)
  - “Justice and Housing in America” course, Binghamton University – Virtual, April 10 (Lindsay Duvall)
  - Columbia Business School – New York, NY, April 17 (Diane Yentel)
  - The Housing Ohio Conference – Columbus, OH, May 7-8 (Diane Yentel; Courtney Cooperman)
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