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## Budget and Appropriations

### Government Shutdown Continues into Fourth Week with No End in Sight

The partial federal government shutdown, now into its fourth week, continues with no end in sight. On January 10, House Democrats, who passed a package of spending bills to end the government shutdown earlier in January, voted on several individual spending bills, including those for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) and for USDA. Both bills propose funding levels and policy proposals for affordable housing programs identical to those included in the Senate's versions of the FY19 USDA and THUD spending bills and would also provide retroactive pay to federal workers at those agencies (read [NLIHC's analysis of the Senate FY19 THUD bill](#) and [updated budget chart](#)). The House passed the THUD spending bill by a vote of 244-180 and the USDA spending bill by a vote of 243-183, with several Republicans voting in favor of each.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will not bring the bills up for a vote in the Senate, however, because President Trump has said he will not sign any spending bill into law until he gets a significant increase in funding for a southern border wall. Congressional leaders met with President Trump on January 9 in the hopes of reaching a deal to reopen the federal government, but those talks were unsuccessful when President Trump abruptly left the meeting.

The Trump administration is now proposing to divert emergency funding to border security. The plan would target funding originally allocated to the Army Corps of Engineers for infrastructure projects in areas that experienced disasters in 2017, specifically in Puerto Rico and California. The President has not indicated he would attempt to use Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds – a crucial resource for disaster housing recovery. The president would need to declare a national emergency to redirect funding for Army Corps of Engineers' reconstruction projects.

The NLIHC-led Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF) sent a [letter to congressional leadership](#) and [President Trump](#) and issued a [press release](#) last week calling for an end to the shutdown and outlining the effects the shutdown is having on affordable housing and community development, including its impacts on specific HUD and USDA programs. See our latest [factsheet](#), [interactive map](#), and [state-by-state breakdown](#) on some of these impacts.

NLIHC and other CHCDF leaders will conduct a national call on Tuesday, January 15 at 4:00 p.m. ET to provide updates on the shutdown's impact on affordable housing and community development programs and to offer guidance on how advocates can engage lawmakers to help end the shutdown. [Register for the call here](#).

NLIHC will continue to keep you updated on the latest news related to the shutdown and its impacts on affordable housing.

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### Join National Call to Learn About the Impacts of the Government Shutdown on Affordable Housing and Community Development Programs, January 15

The partial federal government shutdown has become the longest in U.S. history, and low-income people served by affordable housing programs are increasingly being negatively impacted. The longer the shutdown continues, the greater its harm will be, and the lowest-income people – seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children – will suffer the most. Learn more about the shutdown's impacts on affordable housing and community development programs during a national call on Tuesday, January 15 at 4:00 p.m. ET. NLIHC and other leaders of the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding will provide updates on

the latest information and guidance on how advocates can engage lawmakers to help end the shutdown. [Register here](#).

Elayne Weiss, NLIHC senior policy analyst, will moderate the event.

Speakers include:

- Doug Rice, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Ellen Lurie Hoffman, National Housing Trust
- Linda Couch, LeadingAge
- Tess Hembree, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
- Emily Warren, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
- Steve Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness
- David Lipsetz, Housing Assistance Council
- Joey Lindstrom, National Low Income Housing Coalition

[Read NLIHC's latest update on the shutdown here](#). You can also see an [interactive map](#) and a [state-by-state breakdown](#) of how the shutdown is impacting some HUD-assisted housing.

[Register for the national call today!](#)

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## **Disaster Housing Recovery**

### **Government Shutdown Delays Disaster Recovery Funding**

The continuing partial shutdown of the federal government is having serious impacts on disaster recovery efforts. Additional government funding, as well as guidance regarding previously appropriated dollars are all delayed, preventing communities from continuing the recovery process.

The timing of additional disaster relief funding is uncertain as negotiations to end the shutdown have stalled. In December, the Republican-controlled House passed a \$7.8 billion package for disaster recovery as part of a stopgap funding measure that included the \$5.7 billion in border security requested by President Trump. The measure failed to pass in the Senate, however, and the House Democrats in the new Congress last week announced a \$12.14 billion disaster aid package that includes \$1.16 billion in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, as well as a new allocation of \$600 million for nutrition assistance in Puerto Rico not included in the House Republicans' previous plan. House Democrats hope to pass their package in the coming weeks as they begin to vote on individual appropriations bills, but the continued impasse over the funding for President Trump's desired southern border wall may delay this disaster relief.

HUD guidelines regarding previously allocated funding will also be further delayed. Congress appropriated \$16 billion in disaster mitigation funds in February, 2018, to be used for projects to better safeguard communities damaged by the 2017 floods and hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Texas, Louisiana, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Florida. HUD has yet to issue guidance for this spending, however, and the guidance will be further [delayed](#) by the shutdown. Texas General Land Officer George P. Bush recently wrote a [letter](#) urging Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, who is now serving as President Trump's acting chief of staff, to approve the rules for this funding as soon as possible.

The shutdown will likewise delay guidance for the \$1.68 billion in disaster relief that Congress passed in October 2018 for states impacted by Hurricane Florence. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper wrote a [letter](#) to President Trump asking him to end the shutdown to speed recovery efforts.

The government shutdown has prompted HUD to use its waiver authority to [extend the period of review](#) for pending CDBG-DR Action Plans and Action Plan Amendments from 45 days to 60 days. This will allow HUD more time to review state action plans before approving or rejecting them.

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## Disaster Housing Recovery Updates – January 14, 2019

The following is a review of disaster housing recovery developments since the last edition of *Memo to Members and Partners* (for the article in the previous *Memo*, see [12/17](#)). NLIHC also posts this information at our [On the Home Front](#) blog.

### Legislation and Congressional Action

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) along with Senators Warren (D-MA), Markey (D-MA), Schumer (D-NY), Harris (D-CA), and Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the “National Commission on the Federal Response to Natural Disasters in Puerto Rico Act of 2019” ([S. 23](#)) on January 3. Representative Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) also introduced a companion bill ([H.R. 229](#)) in the House. This bill would establish a commission to investigate the federal response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. A similar proposal was introduced during the last Congress. Read Senator Gillibrand’s press statement [here](#).

Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) introduced the “Disaster Housing Assistance Program Accountability Act” ([H.R. 7385](#)) on December 20, 2018. The bill would establish three DHAP pilot programs and would require reporting on the costs, benefits, and effectiveness of each pilot. The bill will need to be reintroduced in the new Congress.

### 2018 California Wildfires

#### *Federal*

FEMA has [extended](#) the deadline to apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance to January 31. Survivors can apply online, by phone, or in-person at a Disaster Recovery Center.

California residents who do not have fire insurance – or have received insurance settlements less than the cost to repair the damage to their homes – may [apply](#) to FEMA for help with wells and septic systems that were damaged or destroyed by the November 2018 wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties.

#### *Local Perspectives and Resources*

CBS News ran a [piece](#) highlighting some challenges Camp Fire survivors are having finding permanent housing in Northern California, where there was already a severe housing shortage before the fire destroyed 14,000 homes and displaced 35,000 people. Ed Mayer, executive director of the Housing Authority of Butte County, estimates that the fires could triple the number of homeless people in his county to 6,000.

The U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA’s) Disaster Field Operations Center-West announced that the SBA has [approved](#) more than \$255.5 million in federal disaster loans for California businesses and residents impacted by the wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties. According to Director Garfield, the

SBA has approved \$10,027,000 for businesses and \$245,562,600 for residents to help rebuild and recover from the disaster.

## **Hurricane Michael**

### **Florida**

#### *Federal*

FEMA recovery fact sheets for [Bay](#), [Jackson](#), and [Gulf](#) counties report that 599 households are checked into hotels through the FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program and another 17,677 homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance. Additionally, FEMA states that 17,000 survivors still need to provide FEMA with information from insurance settlements to complete their disaster assistance registrations.

#### *State and Local*

The Florida Public Housing Corporation has awarded a \$30 million grant to hurricane-affected counties to build subsidized housing, for which the application process could last around a year, [according](#) to Bay County Commissioner Phillip Griffiths.

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is [releasing](#) \$5 million in disaster funds to nine impacted counties of the Florida Panhandle. Tier 1 counties include Bay, Calhoun, Gulf and Jackson; Tier 2 counties include Franklin, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington.

#### *Local Perspectives and Resources*

[Researchers](#) from the University of Kansas are investigating Hurricane Michael's impact on elevated residential buildings in the Florida panhandle, where recorded wind speeds reached and exceeded design wind loads along the coast. The team is collecting data on elevated wood homes and elevated manufactured homes to better inform standards for building codes and local decision-makers.

### **Georgia**

To date, Georgia has been [approved](#) for over \$54 million in FEMA grants and SBA disaster loans to help homeowners, renters, and businesses. Twenty-seven Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) throughout Georgia counties saw 14,665 survivors and are now closed. FEMA inspectors have completed 19,899 property inspections.

## **Hurricane Florence**

### **North Carolina**

#### *Federal*

FEMA issued a [Fact Sheet](#) with information regarding resources for the unmet needs of North Carolina Hurricane Florence survivors.

#### *State Action*

The North Carolina Department for Public Safety (NCDPS) [reports](#) that 320 households (about 900 individuals) remain in hotels through FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program and 483 FEMA

manufactured housing units have been installed. FEMA [is reaching out](#) to households participating in TSA to discuss their long-term housing plans.

Governor Roy Cooper [urged](#) homeowners impacted by Hurricane Florence to apply for the [Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power \(STEP\)](#) program, which provides free temporary, partial repairs to homes with less than \$17,000 in damage.

North Carolina's share of the \$1.14 billion in CDBG-DR funds appropriated in the fall of 2018 for Florence recovery remains unclear as the federal government shutdown continues. The state's Emergency Management spokesman Greg Thomas [stated](#) that while active grants allow the state's work to continue, the delayed publication of the required Federal Register notice is slowing the allocation of recovery funds and a \$168 million grant for recovery activities.

### *Local Perspectives and Resources*

Lumberton, NC, officials found that despite widespread destruction from Hurricane Florence, homes built after 2005 under the city's new [freeboard requirements](#) were not damaged. The 2005 ordinance required all new buildings to be elevated two feet above the Base Flood Elevation. Homes built prior to these requirements reportedly experienced far greater damage.

## **2017 Disasters**

### *State Action*

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) Board of Directors [approved](#) the awarding of financing for the construction of two workforce housing developments in Monroe County, following a request for applications issued in October 2018 offering over \$1.8 million of Competitive Housing Credits and \$15 million in State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) funding to applicants for hurricane recovery.

### *Local Perspectives and Resources*

City officials [approved](#) a contract to release Houston's share of Texas's federal block grants for hurricane recovery – \$1.17 billion in housing funds. Guidelines for the programs that will be financed have yet to be voted on, but previously mentioned plans include homeowner assistance for repair reimbursements, multi-family rental construction, and single-family home construction for low- and moderate-income Houstonians.

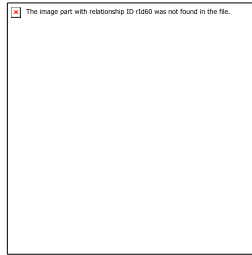
The Florida Keys Community Land Trust has [approved](#) four "tiny house" concepts in Monroe County following a [request for proposals](#) released in August 2018. The intent of the project is to evaluate the ability of tiny houses to serve as resilient, affordable workforce housing for County staff, as well as to provide code-compliant prototypes of replacement housing.

Several recent articles highlight the added difficulties people with disabilities face during disasters. Many emergency plans do [not adequately consider](#) the various needs for individuals with disabilities. The fact that several of the victims of the recent Camp Fire in California are people with disabilities highlights the need for additional resources and planning. Even as communities rebuild, new resilient buildings, such as those on stilts or other risers, [can be inaccessible](#) to people with limited mobility.

## 2019 Housing Policy Forum

### Matt Desmond to Address the Ongoing U.S. Eviction Epidemic at NLIHC's 2019 Housing Policy Forum, March 27-29

Matthew Desmond, author of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* and principle investigator at the [Eviction Lab at Princeton University](#), will speak at NLIHC's [2019 Housing Policy Forum: Seizing the Moment for Bold Solutions](#) on America's ongoing eviction epidemic and its solutions. The Forum will take place in Washington, DC, March 27-29. Register to attend the forum today at: <http://www.nlihcforum.org/>



**Dr. Matthew Desmond**  
Author of *Evicted*

The theme of this year's forum is seizing this unique moment to achieve bold solutions to homelessness and housing poverty in America. Awareness about the affordable housing crisis is growing, and federal policymakers on both sides of the aisle are responding with ambitious legislative proposals to address the housing needs of low-income people.

The Forum will provide an array of opportunities to engage with elected officials and with affordable housing advocates, thought-leaders, policy experts, researchers, housing providers, low-income residents, and congressional staff. Invited and confirmed Forum speakers include Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Todd Young (R-IN), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

Forum topics include:

- The state of affordable housing in 2019, recent successes and challenges, and emerging opportunities
- The state of play related to affordable housing on Capitol Hill in 2019
- Achieving greater racial equity in housing
- The growing *Opportunity Starts at Home* multi-sector affordable housing movement
- New opportunities for achieving significant new investments in the national Housing Trust Fund
- Best practices in non-partisan voter engagement and ways to get candidates for public office to make affordable housing a priority in their campaigns
- Working with and making housing an issue with the media
- The future of public housing
- Achieving development without displacement
- Research on the issues and solutions related to housing for extremely vulnerable populations
- The keys to state, local, and resident-led organizing
- Ensuring equitable housing recovery in the wake of recent and future disasters
- Tribal and rural affordable housing needs and solutions
- Low-income resident leadership
- The U.S. eviction epidemic and its solutions
- And more



There are still some shared-lodging hotel scholarships available on a first-come-first-served basis to low-income residents who are NLIHC members and who pay their own Forum registration fee. Scholarships will be awarded to ensure a broad geographic distribution. A special session for low-income residents will be held on the morning of March 27. Apply for a scholarship online at: <http://www.nlihcforum.org/venue> or download a fillable PDF at: <https://bit.ly/2pZvn1i>

Learn more about the Forum and register at: <http://www.nlihcforum.org/>

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## **Donate Today to Honor Native American Housing Leader Pinky Clifford and other 2019 Housing Leadership Awardees**

Donate today in honor of **Emma “Pinky” Clifford**, who will receive the 2019 Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award for her many years of leadership and dedication on behalf of Native Americans and her tireless work to secure decent, safe, and affordable homes for the lowest income people living on Pine Ridge Reservation. The award is named for NLIHC’s founder Cushing Niles Dolbeare, who is referred to as the “godmother” of the U.S. affordable housing movement. Ms. Clifford and the other 2019 Housing Leadership Award honorees - **Representative Emanuel Cleaver** (D-MO) and **Dr. Mitchell Katz**, president and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals - will be recognized at [NLIHC’s 37th Annual Housing Leadership Awards Reception](#) on Thursday, March 28 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC.

Representative Cleaver will receive the 2019 Edward Brooke Housing Leadership Award for his years of leadership in Congress, unwavering commitment to addressing the needs of the lowest income people in the U.S., and steadfast support for federal affordable housing and homelessness programs. As ranking member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, he co-authored the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act,” a comprehensive bipartisan housing bill passed into law unanimously in 2017. The award is named after former U.S. Senator and NLIHC Board Chair Edward W. Brooke

Dr. Mitchell Katz will receive the Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award, named after former NLIHC President and CEO Sheila Crowley, who led NLIHC for more than 17 years. Dr. Katz will receive the award for elevating public and policy-maker awareness about the connections between health, housing, and homelessness and for implementing bold solutions to meet the affordable housing needs of the lowest income people.

Make a donation to NLIHC in their honor today! There are three ways to donate:

- [Donate Online as an Individual](#)
- [Donate Online as an Organization](#)
- [Download the Pledge Form and Submit Via Email or Mail](#)

Your contribution will help NLIHC achieve socially just public policy to ensure the lowest income people in America have decent, affordable homes.

The 2019 Leadership Awards Reception will be held on the second evening of NLIHC’s 2019 Housing Policy Forum: *Seizing the Moment for Bold Solutions* taking place March 27-29. Register for the Forum and/or Leadership Awards Reception at: <https://bit.ly/2SzJcjW>

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## Opportunity Starts at Home

### ***Opportunity Starts at Home* to Release National Policy Agenda and Host Congressional Briefing on January 24**

The [\*Opportunity Starts at Home\*](#) multi-sector affordable housing campaign will release on January 24 its national policy agenda report, *Within Reach: Ambitious Federal Solutions to Meet the Housing Needs of the Most Vulnerable People*. The national policy agenda, built in collaboration with the campaign's multi-sector partners, outlines a broad set of short- and long-term federal policies that the new Congress should consider enacting, such as expanding rental assistance, increasing the supply of deeply affordable housing, and providing emergency financial assistance for households experiencing unforeseen economic shocks. The report also features research showing that housing is a critical driver of outcomes in many other areas of life, such as health, education, economic mobility, food security, poverty reduction.

“Opportunity Starts at Home’s policy agenda is what it will take to solve the problem of housing affordability in our nation – and to end homelessness,” said Nan Roman, president and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

The campaign will host a [congressional briefing](#) at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington DC to unveil the plan on January 24, 1:00-2:00 pm ET. Attendees will learn more about the campaign’s policy priorities and hear from prominent senior leaders that have joined the campaign from a variety of sectors. Speakers include:

- Diane Yentel, president and CEO, NLIHC
- Clarence Anthony, CEO and executive director, National League of Cities
- Jim Weill, president, Food Research & Action Center
- Mary Kusler, senior director of center for advocacy, National Education Association
- Allison Bovell-Ammon, deputy director of policy strategy, Children's HealthWatch
- Mike Koprowski, national director, Opportunity Starts at Home

**Please attend the event and help spread the event invitation to your respective networks.** To register and learn more about the briefing, see: <https://bit.ly/2AwSsOo>

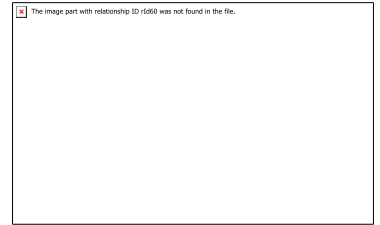
Also, please follow the *Opportunity Starts at Home* multi-sector affordable housing campaign on all social media platforms to get updates on the release of the policy agenda: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)

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## **America’s Health Insurance Plans Discusses Intersections between Health and Housing**

The [\*Opportunity Starts at Home\*](#) multi-sector affordable housing campaign released its newest podcast [episode](#) with America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the largest advocacy organization representing health insurers nationwide. AHIP has 1,300 member-companies that sell health insurance to over 200 million Americans. The episode, which focuses on the intersections of housing and health, features Rhys Jones, AHIP vice president of Medicaid policy and advocacy, and Rashi Venkataraman, executive director of prevention and population health.

Health insurance providers increasingly understand that good housing is good health. And to more effectively address health conditions, insurance providers across the country are developing and implementing new ways to improve access to safe, decent, affordable homes for the people they serve. The episode focuses on the many linkages between housing and health, the importance of multi-sector collaboration, and why health insurance providers are increasingly taking action on housing, including specific examples of how certain health insurance providers are partnering with community organizations, providing case-management services, and even investing in affordable homes.



“Housing ends up being linked to treatment success,” explains Rhys Jones. “A person being discharged to a home is more likely to have a long-term positive outcome than a person with exactly the same clinical characteristics who is being discharged to homelessness.”

Please follow the [Opportunity Starts at Home](#) multi-sector affordable housing campaign on all social media platforms: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)

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## Research

### **Over 90% of People in Poverty Are Children, Seniors, Individuals with Disabilities, Caregivers, Students, or People in the Labor Force**

An update on poverty from the Hamilton Project of the Brookings Institution, [Who Was Poor in the United States in 2017](#), found that 12.3% of the U.S. population, or 39.7 million residents, lived in poverty in 2017. One-third of those living in poverty were children, 22% were working-age adults in the labor force, 16% were working-age caregivers or students, 12% were seniors, and 11% were disabled. The fact that more than 90% of people in poverty are children, seniors, disabled persons, students, caregivers, or people already in the labor force indicates that many who are poor face barriers to working their way out of poverty.

Of the working-age population between 18 and 64, 41% were in the labor force, 20% were disabled, 15% were caregivers, 14% were students, and 7% were early retirees. One in ten (11%) working-age adults living in poverty worked full-time. Twenty-six percent worked part-time and 4% were looking for work. Of those working part-time, 29% preferred full-time work but could not find it, 46% were students or caregivers, and 5% were disabled. The percentage of working-age poor adults who worked part-time but preferred full-time work declined by 3.2 percentage points between 2016 and 2017, indicating an increase in employment.

The authors note that the strong job market has helped poor individuals with employment. Full-time work, however, does not always provide sufficient income. In addition, many poor individuals face barriers to work. The authors call for more targeted anti-poverty interventions.

*Who Was Poor in the United States in 2017* is available at: <https://bit.ly/2C9rHQ6>

## Fact of the Week

### Households in HUD PBRA Homes at Risk Due to Government Shutdown Have Extremely Low Incomes



Source: HUD Multifamily Assistance and Section 8 Contracts Database; HUD Picture of Subsidized Households. Excludes properties with fewer than 11 units.

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## From the Field

### North Carolina Housing Coalition Adds Energy Burdens to Mapping Tool to Create a Clearer Picture of Housing Affordability in North Carolina

North Carolina housing advocates now have access to an updated mapping tool that shows that energy costs are a crucial piece of the housing affordability puzzle. Staff at the North Carolina Housing Coalition, an NLIHC state partner, worked with students in the North Carolina State University Geospatial Information Science and Technology Program to update the Coalition’s housing affordability [mapping tool](#) to include households’ average energy costs and energy burdens by county. The tool already included information about housing cost burdens as well as a housing insecurity matrix.

There is no widely accepted threshold that establishes energy cost burdens. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, however, classifies an energy burden of above 6% as “unaffordable.” The housing affordability map shows that the most significant energy burdens fall on rural counties in Eastern North Carolina.

While in no North Carolina county do average energy costs among all households (renters and homeowners) exceed 8% of households’ budgets, there are 27 counties where renters are paying on average more than 8% of

their household budgets on energy costs. The most severe in the state is Hyde County, where extremely low-income renters pay an average of \$3,258 a year in energy costs, or 42% of their household budgets. Explore the statistics [here](#).

Energy efficiency can bring much-needed relief to low-income households who experience a disproportionately high energy burden. Bringing low-income housing to the efficiency level of the average U.S. home would eliminate 35% of the energy burden for low-income households.

The energy burden borne by renters across the state has led the North Carolina Housing Coalition to become a state partner of Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA), a campaign dedicated to linking the energy and housing sectors together to tap into the benefits of energy efficiency for millions of low-income families. In 2019, EEFA will focus on advocating for resources to make North Carolina's multi-family housing stock more energy efficient.

"Mapping North Carolina's housing needs has been an incredibly valuable tool in communicating more effectively with elected officials as they make decisions about where to target limited state and local resources," said North Carolina Housing Coalition Executive Director Samuel Gunter.

Explore the mapping tool at: <https://bit.ly/2FoTlvx>

For more information, contact Samuel Gunter at: 919-827-4496 or [sgunter@nchousing.org](mailto:sgunter@nchousing.org)

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## **NLIHC in the News**

### **NLIHC in the News for the Week of January 6**

The following are some of the news stories that NLIHC contributed to during the week of January 6.

- "Thousands Face Threat Of Eviction After HUD Contracts Expire Due To Shutdown," *NPR*, January 11 at: <https://n.pr/2Cir2Mb>
  - "The Shutdown Could Take Its Biggest Toll on the Most Vulnerable Americans," *Mother Jones*, January 10 at: <https://bit.ly/2CczpZD>
  - "Shutdown creates anxiety for HUD-funded housing programs," *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, January 10 at: <https://bit.ly/2FmeAim>
  - "Food stamps, housing subsidies and other services for America's poor at risk as shutdown drags on," *The Washington Post*, January 9 at: <https://wapo.st/2FnPRtY>
  - "Prospective home buyers derailed by the government shutdown," *CNBC*, January 9 at: <https://cnb.cx/2M0oGWS>
  - "Government shutdown could lead to millions of evictions," *Curbed*, January 7 at: <https://bit.ly/2VzMO7a>
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## **NLIHC News**

### **NLIHC to Host Mellon/ACLS Research Fellow**

NLIHC has been selected by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) as a host organization for the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program, a career-building fellowship initiative designed to demonstrate the dynamic potential of doctoral education in the humanities. In 2019, the Public Fellows program will place up to

21 recent PhDs from the humanities and humanistic social sciences in two-year staff positions at partnering organizations in government and the nonprofit sector. NLIHC's fellow will be a research analyst working on updating NLIHC's state and local housing programs database and on other research projects. The NLIHC fellow will receive professional mentoring, an annual stipend of \$68,000, health insurance and other benefits.

The application deadline is **March 13, 2019**, 9:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please visit <http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellowscomp/>. Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows is a fellowship program offered by the American Council of Learned Societies and is made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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## **NLIHC Welcomes New Research Intern**

Originally from Ithaca, NY, Abby Cooper attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she is pursuing a B.A. in public policy with a concentration in poverty and social justice. She has a second major in economics and a minor in women's and gender studies. Abby is in her third year at UNC, where she is involved in Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and Buckley Public Service Scholars, a program that provides a framework for creating positive change in communities. Abby has served as a volunteer for two years at the Orange County Rape Crisis Center (OCRCC), an organization that offers free and confidential services to survivors of sexual violence. Abby provided crisis intervention and resource information to clients on the 24-hour hotline and represented the OCRCC at community events. Abby previously interned at Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes, where she organized a drive to collect feminine hygiene product donations for homeless and impoverished women. Abby is looking forward to learning more about affordable housing through her work with NLIHC's research team and to contributing to research that informs equitable public policy.

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## **NLIHC Seeks a Field Intern for Winter/Spring 2019 Semester**

NLIHC is accepting applications for its field internship position for the winter/spring 2019 semester. The NLIHC field intern assists our Field team in creating email campaigns focused on important federal policies, writing blogs, managing our database of membership records, mobilizing the field for the legislative efforts, and reaching out to new and existing members. Interns are highly valued and fully integrated into our staff work. We seek students passionate about social justice issues with excellent writing and interpersonal skills.

NLIHC interns are expected to work 25 hours a week beginning in January and finishing up in May. A modest stipend is provided. A cover letter, resume, and writing sample are required for consideration. In your cover letter, please specify the position(s) for which you are applying and that you are interested in the winter/spring 2019 semester.

Interested students should send their materials to: Joey Lindstrom, Manager of Field Organizing, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005 via email to: [jlindstrom@nlihc.org](mailto:jlindstrom@nlihc.org)

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## **Where to Find Us – January 14**

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

- NCSHA [HFA Institute](#), Washington, DC, on January 17
  - Discussion on Housing, Homelessness, and Collaboration, Anchorage, AK, on January 29
  - CHAPA Federal Housing Policy Forum, Boston, MA, on February 15
  - [Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults: A National Conference](#), National Alliance to End Homelessness, San Diego, CA, February 21–22
  - [HousingWorks Austin Annual Summit](#), Austin, TX, on March 1
  - [Tennessee Housing Conference](#), Nashville, TN, March 6 and 7
  - Arkansas Fair Housing Commission 2019 Annual Fair Housing/Fair Lending Conference, Little Rock, AR, on April 19
  - [Building Michigan Communities Conference](#), Lansing, MI, April 30
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