State Updates

Join Your State Legislators to Co-Sponsor CHAPA’s Priorities.

It’s a new legislative session, and while CHAPA is working with housing leaders to co-sponsor CHAPA’s key priorities, please take a moment to reach out to your state senators and representatives to let them know you support our collective efforts to address housing insecurity, affordability, and fair housing.

Baker Administration Announces $46 Million for Affordable Housing

On March 2, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the release of $46 million in Affordable Housing Awards. The funds will support construction and renovation of project-based Rental Assistance for extremely low-income households, help communities rehabilitate more than 350 homes, fund 17 infrastructure improvement projects, and support program integrity for Emergency Rental Assistance and Homeowner Assistance.

Federal Updates

Convening for 3 Million Affordable Rental Homes

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Recent Research

Wald is the author of the new book Out of Our Minds, which explores the link between the built environment and innovations.

The Affordable Housing Report

Research about the relationship between the built environment and innovations requires a fresh approach to the study of cities and regional dynamics. This book presents a new understanding of urban and regional development, using the lens of the built environment. The book examines the role of cities, urban areas, and regions in shaping innovation and innovation-driven economic growth. It offers insights into the factors that contribute to the success of innovation in cities and regions, and identifies strategies for fostering innovation in the built environment.

CHA in the News

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DHCD Announces $34 Million in CDBG Awards

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Mass. PHAs HUD Awards $2.7 billion to PHAs, $92 million to Massachusetts

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