State Updates

A new state report finds that affordable housing remains a critical issue in many areas. The report highlights the need for increased funding and innovative solutions to address homelessness, affordable housing, and community development needs. The report includes recommendations for policy changes and funding mechanisms to support these efforts.

Federal Updates

President Biden has released his FY2022 budget plan, which includes investments in affordable housing and homelessness prevention. The plan proposes significant increases in funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program, the Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program, and the Public Housing Program. The budget also includes funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which supports community development and disaster recovery efforts.

Recent Research

A new study examines the connection between housing instability and health outcomes in low-income communities. The research finds that individuals who experience frequent housing instability are at a higher risk of developing chronic health conditions, such as mental health issues and cardiovascular diseases. The study recommends policy changes to support stable housing and improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations.

Congressional Updates

Congress has passed a $1 trillion infrastructure plan that includes funding for affordable housing and homelessness prevention. The plan includes $40 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support affordable housing initiatives, including the Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program and the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. The budget also includes funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which supports community development and disaster recovery efforts.

Eviction Moratoriums

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has extended its eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, to provide temporary relief to renters facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium prohibits landlords from evicting tenants who can demonstrate financial hardship and provide documentation of their inability to pay rent.

Affordable Housing

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) released a report finding that the United States has a shortage of 156,028 affordable and available rental units for extremely low-income renter households. The report highlights the need for increased funding and policy changes to support affordable housing initiatives and ensure that all households have access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing.

Equal Credit Opportunity Act

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has issued guidance on sex discrimination protections under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. This law prohibits lenders from discriminating against applicants on the basis of sex, and the guidance provides additional clarity on how these protections apply to lending decisions.

Jobs Plan

President Biden has released his plan for a $1.52 trillion FY2022 budget, which includes significant investments in job creation and economic recovery. The plan proposes funding for infrastructure projects, such as the Partially-Funded Jobs Plan, which provides approximately $2 trillion for U.S. infrastructure. The plan recommends close to $213 billion in funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program, the Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program, and the Public Housing Program.

Congressional Leaders

On March 10th, the Senate voted to confirm Marcia Fudge as HUD Secretary. She is the first Black woman to serve as HUD Secretary, and her appointment is seen as a significant victory for equity and inclusion in housing policy.

Emergency Rental Assistance

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