



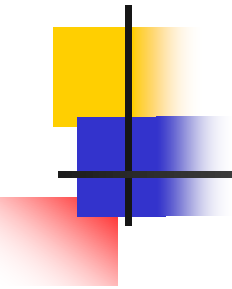
# Philadelphia Office of Public Housing

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2010 East Coast TANF Directors' Meeting

Presentation: Strengthening Partnerships  
through HUD Programs



# Establishing/Strengthening Partnerships with PHAs

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Through HUD grant programs:

- 1. ROSS Program
- 2. HOPE VI - Community and Supportive Services Program
- 3. Choice Neighborhood Demonstration Program



# HUD's Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Grant Program

- The Public Housing Reform Act of 1998 redefined and restructured ROSS to represent a combination of HUD program funded in prior years (TOP, EDSS, and PH Service Coordinator programs).
- Links public housing residents with supportive services, resident empowerment activities and assistance in becoming self-sufficient.
- Welfare-to-Work Focus.
- Competitive Grants.



# HUD's ROSS Grant Program

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- Eligible applicants

- ✓ PHAs
- ✓ Resident Organizations
- ✓ Non-Profit Entities
- ✓ Tribes and Tribally designed housing entities



## ROSS Program- Eligible Activities

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### *ROSS – Service Coordinators*

- Project Coordinator
- Life skills training
- Job training, job search and placement
- Post employment follow-up
- Activities to support career advancement
- Stipends
- Hiring Residents



## ROSS Program- Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (PH FSS) Program- Cont' d

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### Elderly/Disabled Service Coordinator Program

Formerly funded through ROSS, HUD now provides funding to eligible PHAs through the Public Housing Operating Fund.

- Coordination and set-up of meal services/ transportation services
- Wellness programs/ Personal emergency response
- Congregate services/Case management



# ROSS Program- Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (PH FSS) Program

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## PH FSS Coordinator

- Funding is provided on a competitive basis for PHAs (only) to hire an FSS program coordinator who links residents with training opportunities, job placement organizations and local employers.



## ROSS Program- Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (PH FSS) Program- Cont'd

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- For each family that is a recipient of welfare assistance, the PHA must establish an interim goal that the family become independent from welfare assistance and remain independent for at least one year period after expiration of the contract.
- During the period of participation, residents may earn an escrow credit, based on increased earned income, which they may use in a variety of ways (e.g., school tuition, homeownership downpayment, business start-ups) upon successful graduation from the program.





# PHAs that have existing ROSS Programs

Allentown	Neighborhood Networks
Chester City	Neighborhood Networks
Da-Network Housing Min Inc	Service Coordinators
Delaware County	Elderly Disabilities
Dover	FSSR
Hazleton	Family Homeownership
Housing Association of Delaware Valley	Service Coordinators
Luzerne	Elderly Disabilities



# PHAs that have existing ROSS Programs- Cont'd

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- PHAs that have a ROSS program.
- See Handout for a full list of PHAs.

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/ross/>



# HOPE VI/Community and Supportive Services

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PHAs are obligated to provide (either directly or through partnerships and/or contractors) a range of services designed to help HOPE VI residents make progress toward self-sufficiency.

- Services designed to address the needs of individual families members.
- Linkage to relocation.
- Case management services.
- Management monitoring and evaluation.



# HOPE VI and Community Supportive Services

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For more information, please visit the following HUD website:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/css/index.cfm>



# PHAs that have existing HOPE VI Programs

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- HOPE VI Revitalization Grant –  
See Handout.



# HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration Grant Program

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- Builds upon the successes of HOPE VI program and provides support for the preservation and rehabilitation of public and HUD-assisted housing.
- Seeks to transform distressed neighborhoods into viable and sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods by linking housing improvements with appropriate services, schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs.



# HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program

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In FY 2010 eligible applicants are:

- Public housing authorities
- Local governments
- Nonprofits
- For-profit developer who apply jointly with a public entity



# HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program

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- Applicants apply by October 26, 2010 for one of two types of grants (\$65m).
- Planning (\$3M): 2-year grant to support the development of a comprehensive Transformation Plan.
  - Implementation (\$62M): 5-year grant to communities that are ready to implement their TP.





# HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program Cont'd

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- For more information on NOFA requirements go to the following HUD website:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/cn/index.cfm>



## Summary of strategies for establishing/strengthening partnerships

- Contact PHA Executive Director for more information about their programs.
- Serve on PHA Task Forces.
- Attend Housing Industry Conferences (i.e., NAHRO, PAHRA,).
- Speak with PHAs about in-kind supportive services (indicate the value of the services).
- Establish Memorandums of Understanding.



Any Questions?

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