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CELEBRATE FAIR HOUSING MONTH



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April is Fair Housing Month in Arizona



On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 into law. Popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, this historic legislation prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, and family status.

In honor of the 47th anniversary of this momentous legislation, Governor Ducey has signed a proclamation declaring April 2015, Fair Housing Month, in Arizona.

This year ADOH will publish an updated Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice, a document that analyzes the current state of fair housing from a variety of sources, identifying new and ongoing impediments to fair housing within the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program jurisdiction, evaluates the State's effectiveness in addressing its 2010 plan, and outlines a new plan of action to address current impediments. Location-specific AIs are also required of local jurisdictions receiving CDBG funds. A draft of ADOH's 2015 AI is now available for review on the Publications page of our website and is expected to be adopted later this spring.

Finding a Smarter Solution to Ending Homelessness

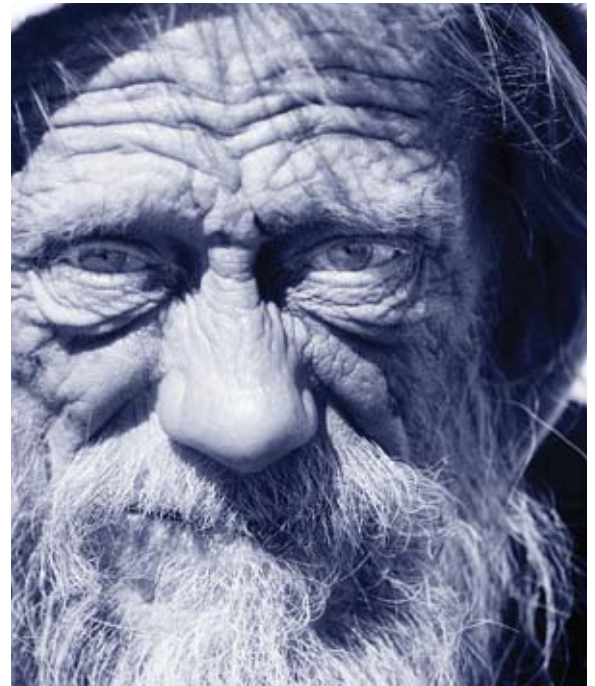
Despite numerous challenges and obstacles, such as inadequate resources, significant progress has been made towards achieving our ongoing objective to end homelessness in Arizona.

In Phoenix, we have put an end to chronic homelessness among our veteran population. Additionally, by utilizing strategies like the "Housing First" concept, we are working to remove the instability that comes with being homeless. We have seen firsthand how people's lives have been transformed once they are safe and secure in housing that is supported with services that assist people to become self-sufficient.

While we have had some victories, the battle continues, as just even one person, without a place to call home, or a roof over their head, is one too many. Working together, we are doing more as a community to better understand homelessness in our state. In doing so, we understand that there is no one-size-fits-all model or solution to addressing this issue. In order to make a real impact, we are doing a better job of zeroing in on the specific circumstances facing individuals and families encountering homelessness.

People experiencing homelessness are identified through various outreach efforts and referred to the access points either for singles or families. Individuals generally access emergency shelters first and then are assessed for the appropriate housing interventions. Outreach teams identify individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The common assessment tool known as the Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (SPDAT) is now being utilized to assess the needs of the individuals or families and match them to the most appropriate intervention. Often this can entail diversion, rapid-re-housing, or permanent supportive housing.

The SPDAT has undergone rigorous testing. It has been reviewed by experts in healthcare, mental healthcare, housing and homelessness. It is effective in a range of population from an age, gender, and cultural perspective. The core premise is to get the right household to the right program



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Director's Message

Easter, Fair Housing, National Autism Awareness and great weather, gotta love April! In honor of the 47th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, Governor Ducey has signed a proclamation declaring April 2015, Fair Housing Month, in Arizona.

Fair Housing Act

➤ Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and disability.

In the 46 years since the passage of the Fair Housing Act, our country has made progress in building more inclusive communities across America, but some landlords, real estate agents, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, and communities still try to limit or deny equal housing opportunity.

Discrimination and residential segregation remains a significant barrier to the ability to access quality life opportunities.

According to HUD statistics, people with disabilities continue to experience housing discrimination at almost 2 to 1 over any other protected class. People with disabilities filed 53.5% of HUD fair housing complaints. Race was the next highest at 26.8%.

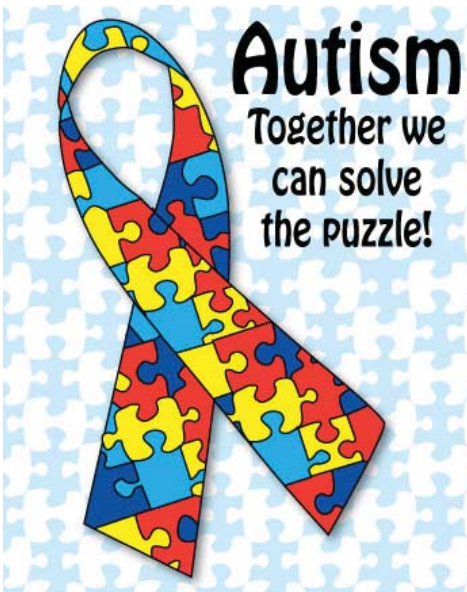
Discrimination Against the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

➤ National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) and its members conducted 304 tests of 117 apartment complex owners and management companies in 98 cities (25 states). Of the 117 apartment complex owners and management companies tested, one out of four treated deaf callers differently from hearing callers in a manner that appeared to violate the Fair Housing Act. NFHA and its members conducted additional testing of the 25 percent of apartment complex owners and management companies that clearly discriminated during the first round of testing. Of those additionally tested:

- 40 percent hung up on deaf callers at least once;
- 86 percent gave more information to hearing persons about available apartments and the apartment complex than to deaf callers, including stating that there were more apartments available (76 percent), and providing information on specials and discounts (36 percent);
- 56 percent described additional financial qualifications and background checks to deaf or hard of hearing callers, including criminal background checks, prior evictions policies, or credit checks.

All complaints resulting from this investigation are currently pending review at HUD.

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2015 ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM

INTO THE LIGHT!

The Arizona Department of Housing invites you to attend the 2015 Arizona Housing Forum on August 26-28, at the beautiful Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. Join us as we celebrate the 12th anniversary of this conference. The theme of this year's Forum is, "Into the Light."

Attendance at the Arizona Housing Forum is invaluable to anyone interested in Arizona's affordable housing industry. Attendees will include developers, owners and managers of affordable housing projects, lenders, syndicators, and state and local housing agency staff.

Boston Capital Corporation's David Gasson will provide Forum attendees with an in-depth Capitol Hill briefing on the work going on behind the scenes with regards to federal housing legislation. Mr. Gasson will cover possible changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program through tax reform, an update on the efforts to fix the floating 9 percent rate for the LIHTC program, and the future of private activity tax exempt bonds.

Representatives from the United State Interagency Council on Homelessness and HUD will discuss the latest progress in creating a national partnership to end homelessness while seeking to maximize the effectiveness of the federal government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

Ensuring that health, transportation, community development, and economic development are components of housing planning and design is the mission of the Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities (APHC). APHC seeks to bring together the private and public sectors to ensure that banks, health insurers, and health care providers



Ilana Preuss

are active partners alongside the government and non-profit sectors. Come learn about the goals of this important initiative.

ADOH staff will provide training on how to successfully conduct special surveys for determining CDBG low-moderate income area benefit and the circumstances under which they are required.

This year's keynote speaker will be Ilana Preuss. Ms. Preuss, formerly the head of Smart Growth American and currently the owner of her own consulting company, Re-cast City LLC, will speak about creating communities with a great sense of place, where people are excited to live and work and how to create more opportunity through thoughtful planning. For a taste of what Ms. Preuss, a much sought after national speaker has to offer, you can listen to her **TEDx** talk "**THE ECONOMIC POWER OF GREAT PLACES**" by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF8B7vpPRiw>

Registration Fee

\$250.00 (after June 26 - \$300.00)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION CLOSES August 14

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Conference Rate \$129 (until July 27)

HOUSING HERO AWARDS

Deadline for submission July 10



FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

PRESIDENT RELEASES FY2016 BUDGET

► Back in early February, President Obama sent Congress his FY 2016 Budget, proposing funding for all federal programs, including HUD and the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural housing programs. The Budget proposes a total of \$1.091 trillion in discretionary spending for FY 2016, including \$530 billion for non-defense programs and \$561 for defense programs.

The Administration proposes \$41 billion in HUD discretionary budget authority, a \$9.2 billion, or 16 percent increase over the \$35.6 billion provided in the FY 2015 spending bill the President signed on December 16, 2014.

The FY 2016 Budget proposes to increase funding for the HOME program by 18 percent over FY 2015 enacted funding, restore the nearly 67,000 Housing Choice Vouchers lost in 2013 due to cuts required under the "sequestration" Congress established to meet federal spending targets, and support the shift of project-based rental assistance funding from a fiscal-year basis to a calendar-year basis.

The Budget also contains the Administration's tax proposals. For the third year in a row, the Administration proposes to allow states to convert a portion of their private activity bond (PAB) volume cap into Housing Credit authority. This year's bond conversion proposal would allow states to convert up to 18 percent of their PAB cap to Credit authority. This proposal marks a significant increase over prior year proposals. In FY 2014 and FY 2015, the Administration's bond conversion proposal was limited to 7 and 8 percent of PAB cap, respectively.

The Administration again proposes to repeal the Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) program purchase price limit and refinancing restriction; create a new permanent American Fast Forward (AFF) Bond program, which would be an optional alternative to traditional tax-exempt bonds; and to cap the value of itemized deductions and other tax preferences, including the income-exclusion of interest on tax-exempt bonds, to 28 percent. Both the House and Senate

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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

THE 52ND LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS SINE DIE

► On Friday, April 3 at 3:34 am, the 52th Arizona State Legislature, 1st Regular Session, adjourned sine die after 81 days in session. While most legislative sessions tend to go beyond 100 days, lawmakers worked at a record pace making this the shortest legislative session in over five decades.

Unlike the last few legislative sessions, state lawmakers and the Governor were faced with the daunting challenge of having to close a significant billion dollar budget deficit while addressing the ever pressing needs of our state, including funding for education and child safety.

Lawmakers approved 344 bills with the Governor signing 324, and vetoing 20.

STATE APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET PRIORITIZING CHILD SAFETY, CLASSROOMS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

► On March 7, the Arizona Legislature approved a \$9.1 billion budget package which prioritizes child safety, classrooms, and public safety without raising taxes. This is Arizona's first structurally balanced budget since 2007, reducing government spending by 2.3 percent.

"This budget reflects the priorities I ran on and addresses the problems I was elected to solve," said Governor Ducey. "It restores much-needed fiscal responsibility to government by forcing the state to live within its means and stop spending money it doesn't have. It prioritizes education, with nearly half our overall budget going toward K-12 and universities. It protects classrooms, child safety, public safety and our most vulnerable populations. And it does all of this without raising taxes on the citizens of Arizona."

Sixteen percent of this budget is dedicated to Child Safety and Public Safety. This includes \$849 million dollars for Child Safety and \$1.5 billion for Public Safety. Additionally, this budget represents the most Arizona has ever spent on education in history, with nearly a 20 percent increase in general fund investment in K-12 since 2010. These funds will go to protect Arizona's classrooms.

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ADOH to receive \$2.95 million through HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on March 3, 2015, that Arizona has been chosen as one of 25 states to receive a Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) grant through a recent competitive application process conducted by HUD. The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) partnered with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES), Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to apply for the funds.

ADOH will eventually receive \$2.95 million which will be utilized to provide monthly rental subsidy payments for up to 54 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Eligible participants will live in rental units developed through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program or other multi-family financing available through ADOH.

ADES will be providing referrals through its Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to fill the newly developed units which will be set aside for extremely low-income households (30% or below the area median income) where at least one person is developmentally disabled, 18 to 61 years of age, and eligible for community-based long term care services (ALTCs) provided under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Eligible renters will also have the opportunity to engage support services customized to their unique disability-related needs through ADES/DDD.

Because of the nature of this grant—which first requires the development of the rental units that will be offered to participants, assistance is not anticipated to be available until sometime in 2017 or beyond. Developers interested in developing such units—may contact the ADOH Rental Development Division at (602) 771-1000. ADES/DDD's referral process for potential renters will eventually be posted to www.azdes.gov/developmental_disabilities/.



SAVE OUR HOME AZ UPDATE

While the housing market, and the foreclosure crisis as a whole, has come to an end, nearly one in five Arizona homeowners are still underwater. Thousands of responsible homeowners who are current with their mortgages were hit hard by the recession and plummeting home prices. Many of these homeowners still need assistance and fortunately, the Save Our Home AZ program may be able to help.

The Save Our Home AZ program is committed to assisting Arizona homeowners avoid foreclosure, reduce negative equity, and stay in their homes. Since September 2010 the program has been dedicated to providing meaningful assistance to homeowners who played by the rules. In doing so, the program has been fiscally responsible, ensuring that those who need the assistance most are getting it.

One of the most successful components of the program applies principal reductions to homeowners with negative equity. This component became available in July 2012 and to date ADOH has dispersed more than \$51.9 million to homeowners who are underwater, reducing their mortgages by an average of \$50,168. If a resident qualifies for HARP 2.0 or other comparable refinancing they could save thousands annually. Additionally, the program may also be able to reduce their principal by as much as \$100,000.

In the fall of 2014 the U.S. Department of the Treasury approved an amendment to Arizona's program to allow for the below market buy downs of principal if the homeowner's mortgage lender will recast the loan payment to an affordable payment

for an underemployed homeowner after applying the principal buy down. In this way, homeowners who have searched but not found more meaningful employment in today's economy may remain in their home with an affordable payment. Principal buy downs that are made to bring mortgage balances below market are provided as due on sale loans. Such loans are providing a reasonable alternative for Arizonans challenged by reduced circumstances as a result of the Great Recession.

Many individuals who were denied in the past think that they can't qualify, but they may be eligible this time because circumstances, within the program and with the resident's finances, may have changed.

Currently, 3,736 families have avoided foreclosure and stayed in their homes. Over \$120.1 million in program assistance has been committed to individual homeowners as of March 31, 2015, to assist these homeowners through the Save Our Home AZ program.

Arizona's foreclosure assistance hotline has assisted over 77,000 troubled homeowners with important information and housing counseling services

The Arizona Department of Housing's dedicated staff is eager to lend a hand. Eligibility for Save Our Home AZ assistance is based on a variety of factors. To find out if you qualify, visit housing.az.gov or call **(877) 448-1211**.

Arizona Housing Finance Authority Activities



"Many current renters could likely realize significant monthly savings by buying a home now and taking advantage of terrific affordability driven by low mortgage rates and home prices that remain below peak in most areas," said Zillow Group Chief Economist Stan Humphries. "But even while buying a home is essentially as affordable as it's ever been, renting is less affordable than ever," Humphries said. "Widespread and rapid growth in rents, combined with stagnant wages, are keeping many would-be buyers stuck in rental housing, writing ever-larger checks to their landlords instead of saving for a down payment."

The Arizona Housing Finance Authority's HOME Plus Home Loan Program provides an attractive 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with down payment assistance grant equal to 4% of the mortgage amount. The program objective is to assist creditworthy renters who can afford a mortgage but lack the resources for the down payment, eliminating a major obstacle in the marketplace and presenting qualified renters a pathway to homeownership.

Over the last 90 days, 233 new homebuyers have received a Home Plus mortgage with an accumulative \$1.4 million dollars in down payment assistance. Since the Home Plus program's inception in April 2013, 736 new homebuyers have received just under \$4.0M in down payment assistance. AzHFA raises funds for its initiative in the national capital markets and forms partnerships with banking and lending institutions to facilitate the Home Plus Home Loan Program throughout the state of Arizona.



➤ AzHFA Administrator Dirk Swift was recently a guest on the local **The Home Hunter** television show. Dirk was invited to talk about the Finance Authority's Home Plus Home Loan Program.

The Home Hunter, hosted by Tiffany Hunter, has been airing in the Phoenix market for over 32 years and is the longest running real estate talk show in the U.S. The half-hour weekly show primarily previews local new homes for sale.

Find information on the Home Plus Home Loan Program on our website: www.azhousing.gov



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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- May 14
- June 11
- July 9

*check website for times

Featured Groundbreakings & Grand Openings



NORTH MOUNTAIN VILLAGE | Phoenix, AZ

➤ On February 4th, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at the future site of North Mountain Village. North Mountain Village, located at 10825 North Cave Creek Road in Phoenix, was funded in 2014 as a permanent supportive housing project for chronically homeless persons, with a preference for veterans.

The ownership entity of this project is UMOM Housing III, LLC and the developer is Helping Hand Housing Services. UMOM and Helping Hand Housing Services will utilize tax credits, allocated by the Arizona Department of Housing, to develop North Mountain Village.

North Mountain Village includes acquisition and demolition of a blighted structure called North Mountain Lodge. The finished property will feature 48 units (12 one-

bedroom, 6 two-bedroom, and 30 three-bedroom). 34 of these units (or 71 percent) are specifically set aside for the chronically homeless at 30 percent or less of AMI. The remainder of the units will be for persons whose incomes are at or less than 50 percent and 60 percent AMI.

One hundred percent of the housing units will include a monthly rental subsidy, which will make the rent even more affordable for low-income residents. Helping Hand Housing Services has their own private rental subsidy through the Family Rental Assistance Program. Additionally, 10 Section 8 vouchers have been awarded and are available to future residents.

A 5,000 sq. ft. community center has been designed to offer, through the service provider UMOM New Day Centers, Inc., a variety of free supportive and tenant-based services, including before and after school child care services, a computer lab, case management and the use of a large activity area. A full-time Resident Support Services staff member will be onsite to coordinate all services and assist both adults and children with the resources needed to break the cycle of poverty and improve their lives.

The tenant based services will include the Rent Subsidy Program, "Live Your Dream" Education Scholarship Programs, after-school homework assistance and arts and crafts, summer reading programs and camps, periodic field trips, monthly community activities, and guest speakers on drugs and alcohol, gang and bullying and self esteem issues as well as personal hygiene.

The supportive services will include case management, computer-based GED tutorials, "Launching Our Career Success" (LOCS) Program for job development, "Keys to Enhancing Your Success" (KEYS) life skills, financial literacy classes, periodic health screenings, health referral services, and adult education in crime prevention, parenting skills and cooking and housekeeping skills.

North Mountain Village will have most of the usual unit and property amenities including a community room, tenant services, carports, a playground, and BBQ and picnic area.



Ghost Ranch Lodge Nominated for NDC Award

➤ Ghost Ranch Lodge has been named as a semi-finalist by the National Development Council in the Category of Housing Development and will be showcased at the 2015 NDC Academy in Washington, D.C. this May. The Tucson project was

developed by Atlantic Development.

Ghost Ranch Lodge was opened in August of 2010 for seniors 55 and older who are between 40, 50, and 60 percent of the area median income. The historic structure, which sat crumbling for many years, was able to utilize low-income housing tax credits, allocated by the Arizona Department of Housing, to provide affordable housing to the senior community while revitalizing an area that for many years had been neglected.

Built in 1941, on what was formerly a working cattle ranch, Ghost Ranch Lodge is known for its unique cactus gardens. An oasis in the desert, the Ghost Ranch Lodge provides 83 single story rooms and casitas on 8 acres of lush desert gardens and lawns. All of the guest rooms have a regional décor and private fenced patio, while the suites have a backyard and a kitchen.

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Calvin's Happy World – Through the Eyes of an Autistic Child

Calvin Shin, a 19 year old student at Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, sees the world a little differently than you and I. At age 3 ½ he was diagnosed with autism; however, this life-affecting disability has not broken his spirit or his positive outlook on life. Calvin is a self described, "happy, happy person."

Growing up with a disability, it would be very easy for anyone to see the world and their surroundings as a cruel and unfair place; however, Calvin chooses to focus on all the good the world has to offer and he expresses this through his artwork. His drawings are often depictions of the places he wants to go and the people he wants to meet.

At an early age, Calvin began drawing. At first he struggled with this task. The objects within his drawings were repetitive and unknown to anyone expect himself. Over time, and with a lot of practice, his artwork began to evolve and take shape.

On Friday, April 24th, come meet the "happy, happy" artist, Calvin Shin. His artwork will be on display at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts located at 7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

For more information or to learn more about Calvin and his artwork please visit <http://www.happycalvinshin.com/home>.



Nearly a quarter century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

FACTS ABOUT AUTISM

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disorder in the U.S.
- Autism costs a family \$60,000 a year on average
- Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Research shows that early intervention treatment services can greatly improve a child's development. Early intervention services help children from birth to 3 years old (36 months) learn important skills. Services include therapy to help the child talk, walk, and interact with others. In Arizona we're very fortunate to have SARRC and First Place.

The **Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC)** was formed in 1997 as a research center. Today SARRC operates the Sybil B Harrington Campus for Exceptional Children, Colonel Harland D. Sanders Center for Autism Studies and SARRC's Vocational & Life Skills Academy.

First Place represents home for individuals who live there, peace of mind for family and friends who come and go, and an inspiring and enriching environment for those who work and learn there. It represents a new residential prototype for adults with autism and related disorders and individuals without disorders, that aspires to be an international model.

First Place vision is to enhance their quality of life through jobs, friends, homes and a supportive community that provide for individuals today and when family members are no longer able to care for their loved ones.

The Arizona Department of Housing celebrates the advancements achieved to eliminate discrimination through fair housing and the ongoing progress to enhance the quality of life for individuals with autism.

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have passed their own budget resolutions. The two chambers are expected to form a conference committee shortly to resolve their differences before moving the budget package forward; however, the White House has been critical of both budget packages stating that they rely on budgeting gimmicks.

FIXING THE FLOATING RATE FOR THE LIHTC PROGRAM

➤ On February 26, Representatives Patrick Tiberi (R-Ohio) and Richard Neal (D-Massachusetts) once again released legislation (H.R. 1142) that would create a permanent minimum rate for the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC). The bill would permanently established fixed 9 percent (for new rental construction property) and 4 percent (for existing property) rates for buildings placed into service after December 31, 2014.

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA), passed in 2008, established a temporary 9 percent floor for properties, allowing developers to receive additional tax credits during the economic recession. The fixed rate has since expired and the LIHTC industry has since gone back to a floating rate system that has a rate of around 7.5 percent.

Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Washington) and Pat Roberts (R-Kansas) are expected to release a companion bill in the Senate shortly.

The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit is the nation's largest and most successful affordable housing production tool. Since it was established in 1986, it has created or preserved over 2.7 million affordable homes by leveraging over \$100 billion in private capital.

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at the right time to end homelessness, based upon evidence of strengths, understanding of needs and housing status.

The SPDAT has enhanced our ability to better serve in that it has reduced our subjectivity and increased objectivity in referring and working with people to see that they obtain the best service and housing for their needs. With agreement on using the same assessment tool, there is consistency in the evaluation process.

Organizations like UMOM New Day Center in Phoenix have seen firsthand the benefits of using this assessment tool. They have been using SPDAT since October 2013. It is officially part of their intake process and families are assessed within the first 7 days upon entering an emergency shelter. The use of the SPDAT has greatly improved their screening process, better serving the families that walk through their doors.

Homelessness is not a choice most people make for themselves. No one necessarily wants to be homeless; however, as a society, we often blame people for their state in life rather than realizing that it really could happen to any of us. Homelessness just doesn't impact the homeless, it impacts all of us. These individuals are our neighbors and their struggles have an effect on all of us.

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While significant and necessary budget cuts were made to force our state government to live within its means, the annual appropriation for the Arizona Housing Trust Fund remained fully intact and there will be no negative effects on ADOH programs and operations. Governor Ducey signed the complete budget package on March 12.

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Unfortunately, for a number of years, there was not a collective conscience fighting this issue, just individuals and organizations thinking they had the right answers. In order for us to continue to make progress it will take a community effort. We must remember that it's about community outcomes, not individual program outcomes. While this can often be a challenge, we are confident that we are now using the right tools and methods to make a real difference.

Calendar 2015

MAY	
14	Arizona Housing Finance Authority Board Meeting
25	OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day Holiday
JUNE	
11	Arizona Housing Finance Authority Board Meeting
JULY	
3	OFFICE CLOSED - Independence Day Holiday
9	Arizona Housing Finance Authority Board Meeting
22-23	LIHTC Compliance Workshop - Flagstaff

2015 ADOH Training Calendar

ADOH has scheduled the following training opportunities for 2015:

- July 22-23** LIHTC Compliance Workshop #2, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 15-17** LIHTC Compliance Workshop #3
(with optional HCCP Exam option), Phoenix, AZ
- October 27-28** LIHTC Compliance Workshop #4, Tucson, AZ
- November 4** HOME Compliance Workshop, Phoenix, AZ

info Visit the Event Calendar at www.azhousing.gov for additional information regarding deadlines, registration pricing and hotel accommodations.

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

▶ The **2015-2019 Consolidated Plan** is in the final stages of development. ADOH gathered considerable public comment through meetings held in Tucson, Parker, Benson, Cottonwood and Phoenix. Over 100 individuals and agencies also provided a response to the web based survey. Consolidated Plan goals and strategies respond to a wide variety of needs identified throughout Arizona. ADOH will submit the Consolidated Plan to HUD on May 15th, the approval of which will release over \$16 million in 2015 HUD formula allocation from CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA.

FFY 2015 Formula Allocations

▶ CDBG

The total FFY2015 CDBG allocation is \$10,127,360. The State retains 2% plus \$100,000 or \$302,547 for administration and 1% or \$101,274 for technical assistance activities. Additionally, HUD mandates that the state expend 10% of its total allocation or \$1,012,736 for projects located in areas designated as Colonias. The remaining adjusted allocation is divided into 85% or \$7,404,183 for the Regional Account and 15% or \$1,306,620 for the State Special Projects (SSP) Account.

▶ HOME

The total FFY2015 HOME allocation is \$4,459,753 of which 15% or \$668,693 must be set aside for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project funding.

▶ HOPWA

The total FFY2015 HOPWA allocation is \$236,060.

▶ ESG

The total FFY2015 ESG allocation is \$1,545,994 which is administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES).

For more detailed information on the allocations, see Information Bulletin 03-15, dated February 25, 2015, posted on the ADOH website **Publications** page.