

Dear NAHMA Member,

Today, HUD announced it is making \$15 million in grant funding available to test a promising housing and services model for low-income seniors to age in their own homes and delay or avoid the need for nursing home care.

As stated in the [press release](#), HUD's ***Supportive Services Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing*** will offer three-year grants to eligible owners of HUD-assisted senior housing developments to cover the cost of a full-time Enhanced Service Coordinator and a part-time Wellness Nurse. The purpose of the Demonstration is to test the effectiveness of this enhanced supportive services model for elderly households and to evaluate the value of enhanced service coordination paired with affordable housing for seniors.

The demonstration will be evaluated to determine the impact of the enhanced supportive services model on aging in place in HUD-assisted senior properties; avoiding early transitions to institutional care; and preventing unnecessary and often costly health care events—such as some emergency room visits and hospitalizations—for residents in HUD-assisted senior developments.

HUD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) collaborated on several research initiatives to inform the design of this Demonstration including a study in 2010 to identify promising models for aging in place in assisted housing and to develop a design for a seniors and services demonstration intended to support aging in place, and an evaluation launched in 2012 of the Support and Services at Home (SASH) demonstration in Vermont. Lessons from each have informed the design of the demonstration announced today.

- Additional information about this grant opportunity can be found [here](#).
- HUD will be hosting a webinar to introduce the grant on February 2, 2016 at 1:00pm EST.
- Applicants must submit a completed electronic application through www.grants.gov by **April 18, 2016**. Please direct questions to the Demonstration mailbox at mfsc@hud.gov.



Announcing Funding Available for: Supportive Services Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing

A Demonstration to test the impact of a service coordinator and wellness nurse on successful aging in place in HUD-assisted affordable multifamily housing

HOW DOES THIS EVALUATION RESEARCH DESIGN WORK?

The evaluation research design is based on random assignment of properties to the treatment or control group. The evaluation will produce rigorous evidence about the impact of providing services on housing stability, health and well-being, utilization of healthcare, and costs of healthcare.

Treatment Group: At least 40 properties that implement the design. Selected properties receive funding for three years and must participate actively in the evaluation.

Control Group: At least 40 properties that continue doing what they have been doing. Selected properties receive a small incentive fee and must participate actively in the evaluation.

WHAT WILL THE AVAILABLE FUNDING SUPPORT?

Enhanced Service Coordinator (Full-time) + Wellness Nurse (Part-time) at each designated property

Required Program Elements

- * Provide preventive and wellness health programs
- * Connect residents with the services they need
- * Coordinate communication among residents' healthcare providers
- * Coordinate transitions between home and hospital, nursing home, and rehabilitation
- * Assist with medication self-management

WHAT PROPERTIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Elderly-restricted development

At least 50 assisted multifamily units



Section 202; Section 8;
Section 221(d)(3); Section 515;
or Section 236

Properties with a Service Coordinator but not a Wellness Nurse or Properties with neither a Service Coordinator nor a Wellness Nurse

Learn more at [HUD.gov](https://www.hud.gov). Apply at www.Grants.gov.

