

Dear NAHMA Members,

Below, please find information regarding an Executive Order to strengthen work requirements, and the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.

1. **Executive Order titled “Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility”**

Today, the President signed an Executive Order (EO) titled **“Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility.”** The EO aims to promote “economic mobility, strong social networks, and accountability to the American taxpayers” by strengthening work requirements for housing and welfare recipients and evaluating the success of public assistance programs in moving participants out of poverty.

The Order states that the federal government should enforce and strengthen “requirements that promote obtaining and maintaining employment,” and calls for an investment in effective workforce development programs. Specifically, **the Executive Order calls on HUD, USDA, and other federal agencies to submit recommendations for regulatory and policy reforms** in order to empower people through the following “Principles of Economic Mobility”:

- Improve employment outcomes and economic independence (including by strengthening existing work requirements for work-capable people and introducing new work requirements when legally permissible);
- Promote strong social networks as a way of sustainably escaping poverty (including through work and marriage);
- Address the challenges of populations that may particularly struggle to find and maintain employment;
- Balance flexibility and accountability both to ensure that State, local, and tribal governments, and other institutions, may tailor their public assistance programs to the unique needs of their communities and to ensure that welfare services and administering agencies can be held accountable for achieving outcomes;
- Reduce the size of bureaucracy and streamline services to promote the effective use of resources;
- Reserve benefits for people with low incomes and limited assets;
- Reduce wasteful spending by consolidating or eliminating Federal programs that are duplicative or ineffective;
- Create a system by which the Federal Government remains updated on State, local, and tribal successes and failures, and facilitates access to that information so that other States and localities can benefit from it; and
- Empower the private sector, as well as local communities, to develop and apply locally based solutions to poverty.

The EO also calls on the federal agencies to submit reports on “unqualified” immigrant access to various public assistance programs. More information is available [here](#).

2. HUD Celebrates 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act

Today, HUD celebrates 50 years since the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in 1968. NAHMA participated in a ceremony at HUD headquarters with Secretary Ben Carson and Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Anna Maria Farias, titled: “The Fair Housing Act: 50 Years of Opening Doors.”

In last week’s White House proclamation of April as National Fair Housing Month, the President declared: “During April, America reaffirms its commitment to ending housing discrimination by celebrating National Fair Housing Month....My Administration has continued to fight for the American people and for equal access to opportunity in America. That is why we are exploring and developing evidence-based reforms to enhance the development of affordable housing options, free from discrimination, that can alleviate poverty and promote opportunity. My Administration intends to deliver on the promise outlined by the Fair Housing Act, by ending prejudice and unlawful discriminatory practices in the sale, lease, and financing of housing, expanding the availability of affordable housing, promoting sustainable homeownership opportunities, encouraging economic mobility, and creating more vibrant communities.”

More information on the President’s proclamation of Fair Housing Month is available [here](#). For more information on HUD’s celebration of the Fair Housing Act 50-year Anniversary, please click [here](#).

Thanks,

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