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## TAKE PART IN...

- **ACTION (A Call to Invest in Our Neighborhoods) Campaign Update and Monthly Call** – Feb. 1, 2pm. Discuss the outlook for Housing Credit legislation in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. Phone number: 866-469-3239; Access Code: 628 683 024

- **Follow Up from Sadowski Affiliates Webinar, Preparing for 2019 Session** – If you were unable to attend the Sadowski Affiliates, 'Preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session' webinar last week, you can still get the information. You can download the [PowerPoint](#) and [Webinar Recording](#). The basic message is this: There is approximately \$328 Million available to the Florida Housing Trust Funds. **Reach out to your legislators** (they are home this week and also the week of Feb., 25) and the Governor's office, tell them how important these funds are to your community and ask them to fully fund the State and Local Housing Trust Funds in FY2019-20. You can contact them through [SadowskiCoalition.org](http://SadowskiCoalition.org)

- **Opportunity Starts at Home Unveils National Policy Agenda and Urges Congress to Act** – The National Low Income Housing Coalition reminds you that the [Opportunity Starts at Home](#) multi-sector affordable homes campaign has been released. View the "Within Reach" report [here](#).

[Opportunities to End Homelessness and Housing Poverty in the 116th Congress](#) – A National Low Income Housing Coalition memo to incoming senators and representatives on concrete steps they can take to help address one of the most critical issues facing low income families today: the lack of decent, accessible, and affordable housing. If you'd like to, share the memo with your senators and representatives.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF...

- **Grounded Solutions Network seeks applications for an initiative** - "[ForEveryoneHome: City Solutions for Housing Equity](#)" is an 18-month program that will help a select group of cities chart a path to inclusive growth through lasting affordability. This initiative targets mixed-market cities where changing conditions threaten to displace low-income communities of color. Our goal is to "get ahead of the curve" in these communities, catalyzing action to protect affordability and diversity in changing neighborhoods before displacement pressures become too great.

Thanks to substantial underwriting from the Ford Foundation, ForEveryoneHome provides a 2-to-1 match of local funds committed to this effort. This is a real opportunity for communities to stretch their limited policy-making dollars for maximum impact. For more details on the initiative and how to apply, please see the [ForEveryoneHome webpage](#), or contact State and Local Policy Senior Specialist Matt Weber at [mweber@groundedsolutions.org](mailto:mweber@groundedsolutions.org). Applications are due by February 28, 2019.

- **TechSoup product alert: \$99 GrantStation** – Feb. 12-13. Get a [one-year membership to GrantStation](#) for just \$99 on February 12 and 13. That's a savings of up to \$600! This offer is good for new and renewing GrantStation members alike!

- **Florida Prosperity Partnerships invites you to find your area VITA sites at [www.FreeFLTaxSites.org](http://www.FreeFLTaxSites.org).**

- **AmeriCorps <sup>FILED</sup> Webinars and Information Session** - AmeriCorps request for proposals (RFP) is expected to be released to the public on Friday, February 25. [Informational webinar](#) Monday, February, 18. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Personalized help from their Disaster Response Network** – If you have clients who were affected by a disaster and their mortgage is backed by Fannie Mae, they can get personalized help from their Disaster Response Network. First confirm that they own the loan by using their Loan Lookup Tool at [www.KnowYourOptions.com/LoanLookup](http://www.KnowYourOptions.com/LoanLookup) or calling 1-800-2FANNIE (1-800-232-6643). If the Loan Lookup Tool confirms it is a Fannie Mae loan, it will provide contact information for the mortgage servicer and the Disaster Response Network.

Other Disaster Relief Resources

- Fannie Mae's consumer website: [www.knowyouroptions.com/relief](http://www.knowyouroptions.com/relief)
- Clearpoint's Project Porchlight disaster assistance for borrowers without a Fannie Mae-owned loan: [www.clearpoint.org/porchlight](http://www.clearpoint.org/porchlight) 1-800-750-2227
- HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development): [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)
- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency): [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
- American Red Cross: 1-800-733-2767
- Homeowners HOPE™ Hotline: 1-888-995-HOPE

- **Step Up for Students Offers Scholarships** - [Step Up](#) administers four programs for Florida schoolchildren:

- **Income-based Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program** has two options: one that helps cover private school tuition and fees; one that assists with transportation costs to attend a public school in another county.
- **Gardiner Scholarship** helps Florida families customize education for **children with special needs**.
- **Hope Scholarship Program** provides relief to students bullied in a public school.
- **Reading Scholarship Accounts** is an education savings account program for third - through fifth-grade students enrolled in public schools who struggled the with English Language Arts section of the Florida Standards Assessment in the prior year. Students who are classified as English Language Learners (ELL) are also eligible.

## FLORIDA NEWS

- **Neighborhood Renaissance in Palm Beach County invites you to visit the Art Lofts of West Village** – Click [here](#).

- **Did you miss 1000 Friends of Florida's Legislative Preview webinar?** Check out the [2019 Florida Legislative Web Page](#) and view the webinar [broadcast](#) and [PowerPoint](#) now.

- **Having an Event You Want to Promote or Report?** – Send the information to us at [info@flacdc.org](mailto:info@flacdc.org) and we'll be happy to share it with our subscribers.

## NATIONAL NEWS

- **A Vision for Philanthropy in the New Year** – from Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation. Click [here](#).

- **National Council of Nonprofits "Federal Fastview" items of note – Charitable Giving Tax Deduction Act:** A bipartisan bill to expand charitable giving incentives in response to the 2017 federal tax law was introduced in the House of Representatives last week. The legislation ([H.R. 651](#)), proposed by Representatives Cuellar (D-TX) and Smith (R-NJ), would create a non-itemizer, or universal, charitable deduction for all taxpayers, regardless of whether they itemize deductions.

**Parking Tax Preliminary Guidance:** Preliminary guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service in December ([Notice 2018-99](#)) proposed to clarify when nonprofits must pay a 21 percent unrelated business income tax on employer expenses related to employee parking. The notice, which is subject to public comment, instructs organizations to apply a complicated four-step calculus for putting a value on taxable parking spaces. A separate notice ([Notice 2018-100](#)) allows for tax penalty waivers for nonprofits that failed to submit quarterly estimated tax payments on those transportation benefits. The IRS has given no guidance or relief for the application of the tax on other transportation benefits, such as subway or bus passes. Nonprofits affected by the *income* tax on parking expenses are invited to [submit comments](#) to the IRS by **February 22**.

- **HUD Announces New FHA Loan Limits for 2019** – The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) announced the agency's new schedule of loan limits for 2019. Click to read FHA's [Mortgage Letter on 2019 Forward Mortgage Limits](#) and FHA's [Mortgage Letter on 2019 Home Equity Conversion Mortgage \(HECM\) Limits](#).

- **Put the NACEDA Newsletter on Your Press List** – Highlight your successes with community economic development professionals around the country. Send press releases to Suzanne Gunther at [sgunther@naceda.org](mailto:sgunther@naceda.org).

## FUNDING

- **FHFC Multifamily Update** – Click for [Multifamily Housing: Competitive and Non-competitive Funding. \(Issued RFAs, Online Applications and Pro Forms\)](#). 2nd Modification to [RFA 2019-106](#) Housing Credit and SAIL Financing to Develop Housing for Homeless Persons issued. Q&A posted. Application deadline Feb. 5.

- **DEO State Small Business Credit Initiative** – Let businesses in your area know about the DEO's loan programs. Click [here](#), or contact [David Rodriguez](#) for more info.

- **HHS CED and CED-HFFI Grants** – The US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) offers a variety of programs serving lower-income families. To learn more, go to [HHS Grants](#)

- **Rural Business Development Grant Programs** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers a number of grants programs for small business. To learn more, click [Rural Biz](#)

- **The NonProfit Times' Grants Page** – Updated frequently, categorized for easy use. Click [here](#).

## TRAINING/CONFERENCES

- **Register Today for NLIHC's 2019 Housing Policy Forum: *Seizing the Moment for Bold Solutions*** – Mar. 27-29, Washington, DC. The National Low Income Housing Coalition's [2019 Housing Policy Forum: \*Seizing the Moment for Bold Solutions\*](#) is right around the corner!

- **People & Places 2019: NACEDA invites you to explore local solutions to advance racial equity and community prosperity** – April 15-17, Arlington, VA. The hotel is located less than two miles from Reagan National Airport and five miles from the U.S. Capitol. Reserve your [discounted hotel room](#) at the conference venue. FLACDC is working to identify funds for scholarships to help more members attend this amazing national convening. We want to see you there!

- **The 2019 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention** – June 13-16, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. [Register today](#) to save up to \$150 with our special Early-Bird registration rate—the deepest discount offered for this event. Early-Bird registration is [available online](#), by fax, or by mail.

- **FL Supportive Housing Coalition** – Save the Date! September 23 & 24, 2019 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando and watch this space for updates.

## WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

- **The Rise of Gig Work: Creating Flexibility and Stability for Workers in a New Era** – Feb. 13, 12pm. Hosted by the Aspen Institute. Click [here](#).
- **FPP Third Annual Online Conference: “Meeting LMI Floridians Where They Are . . .”** – Feb. 8, 9am. Hosted by Florida Prosperity Partnership. Click [here](#).
- **Property Manager Series- Part 1: Tenant Selection, Screening In/Screening Out, Selection Criteria, Access for Special Needs Applicants** – Feb. 6, 2pm. Hosted by Florida Housing Coalition. Click [here](#) for this and other upcoming webinars and workshops.
- **Disaster Recovery Update Webinar** – Feb. 1, 1:30pm. Hosted by the Florida Housing Coalition. Click [here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS

Click to visit FLACDC’s online [Library](#), where these and other reference materials are available.

- **Library Systems Embracing Their New Roles as Social Service Hubs** – in *Next City*, Jan. 22 issue. Before 2009, the San Francisco Public Library’s bathrooms often became spaces of contention, with security staff escorting patrons out of the library, sometimes arresting them if they were found bathing, sleeping or injecting. But that year, the library hired the first library social worker in the United States, marking a shift in attitudes that have since spread to library systems across the country. Click [here](#) for the full article.
- **Neighborhood Renaissance in Palm Beach County 2017-18 Annual Report** – Click [here](#).
- **The Community Reinvestment Act and the Future of Financial Inclusion** – from The Aspen Institute. For only the third time in 40 years, the federal government is [considering major changes](#) to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) which was passed in 1977 to root out redlining and require financial institutions to invest in low- and moderate- income (LMI) communities. Click [here](#) to read the full article.
- **New Report: Creating Entrepreneurship Pathways for Opportunity Youth** – [This new report](#) explores the potential for using entrepreneurship to engage and create pathways for opportunity youth, by examining existing entrepreneurship programs and sharing emerging models for creating and adapting entrepreneurship programming targeted to the specific needs and aspirations of opportunity youth. This report is a collaboration between the Aspen Institute [Forum for Community Solutions](#) and [FIELD at the Aspen Institute](#).
- **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Releases Sixth Annual Report from the Office of Servicemember Affairs** –The Office of Service Member Affairs at the Bureau monitors and analyzes complaints from service members, veterans, and their families.
- The National Community Reinvestment Coalition’s [Just Economy Conference](#)** - Mar. 11-13, Washington, DC. This is *the* national event for community, policy, government and business leaders who work for an inclusive economy that’s free of discrimination and full of opportunity. Click to check out the [conference schedule](#).
- **What Revolution Might Look Like At the Fed** – The Next System’s Research Director Thomas Hanna joins noted author Nomi Prins in a discussion of systemic change at the Federal Reserve and in the banking system. Click [here](#) to watch.
- **The Next System Podcast: From Private Profit to Public Ownership** – Explores the pitfalls of privatizing public services and the social benefits of public ownership. Click [here](#).

- **Jacksonville Has an Affordable Housing Shortage**, by Amanda Brannon. Listen in as FLACDC member Shannon Nazworth, CEO of Ability Housing and Anne Ray, Manager of the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse at UF’s Shimberg Center for Housing Studies discuss the issues contributing to the lack of affordable housing in Jacksonville and Duval county. [The full interviews with Ray, Nazworth and the callers can be heard on Thursday’s First Coast Connect.](#)

## RESOURCES

- **Americans for the Arts' State and Local Arts Connection** – Jan. 23 issue, click [here](#).
- **Capitol Express** - Weekly Updates from Washington. Click [here](#).
- **CRA Newswire** - Recent Community Reinvestment Act and industry news. Click [here](#).
- **Community Wealth.Org**, a project of the Democracy Collaborative – Resources for democratic, community-based economic development. Click [here](#).
- **Disaster Resources & Links** - [www.preparednessguide.org](http://www.preparednessguide.org) is a great resource for you and your community. They work to spread awareness about disaster resources through their website and blog.
- **FDIC MarketPlace Single Family Real Estate for Sale** – Check out their latest updates [here](#). Contact [RealEstateforSale@fdic.gov](mailto:RealEstateforSale@fdic.gov) or call (972) 761-2163 for details.
- **Florida Green Building Coalition Green Trends** - Recent issue, click [here](#) ; Calendar of Events, [Click Here](#)
- **Florida Philanthropic Network** – Calendar of upcoming events, click [here](#).
- **GuideStar** – Information on every IRS-registered nonprofit organization, click [here](#). For the **Guidestar Nonprofit Compensation Report**, click [here](#). Recent newsletters, click [here](#).
- **Human Needs Report** – The Coalition on Human Needs' newsletter on national policy issues affecting low-income and vulnerable populations. It is published every other Friday while Congress is in session. Jan. 22 issue, click [here](#). Click [here](#) for the blog, "Voices on Human Needs".
- **National Endowment for Financial Education Workshop Kits** – Newsletter archives and signup, click [here](#).
- **National Housing Institute & Shelterforce** – Click [here](#) for their latest articles, blogs, job postings, events and other opportunities. You can also find Shelterforce's blog, [Rooflines](#), for blog posts featuring topics on suburban poverty and community building. Shelterforce Weekly – Recent issue, click [here](#).
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition Memo to Members and Partners** – Jan. 28 issue, click [here](#).
- **NeighborWorks@Work** – Helping low- and moderate- income earners build financial security. Click [here](#).
- **The Nonprofit Times** – Click [here](#). Weekly newsletters, click [here](#).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **United Way of Northeast FL seeking Tax Program Manager, RealSense** – Jacksonville, FL. Click [here](#).
- **Affordable Housing Report** – See their [job listing page](#) for job opportunities.
- **Florida Housing Coalition** – See their [job listing page](#) for job opportunities.
- **NonProfit Times** – See their [job listing page](#) for job opportunities.

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