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Cuomo says need for assistance far surpasses funds available

HUD AWARDS \$132 MILLION TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FIND HOMES

WASHINGTON – U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo today announced nearly \$132 million in grants that non-profit groups will use to create housing for about 1,600 people with disabilities.

Cuomo said that the funding, which will help provide nearly 1,500 homes for people capable of living independently, may be used to construct new housing, or acquire or rehabilitate existing housing. Some support services, such as counseling, advocacy and referral services, transportation, and assistance in obtain employment, may also be provided.

“People with disabilities shouldn’t have to struggle to find suitable housing,” Cuomo said. “Our goal at HUD is to make sure that all Americans live in homes that are affordable, decent and safe.”

The housing, most of which will be newly constructed, typically is small apartment buildings for no more than 18 people, group homes for three to four people per home, or condominium units. Cuomo said that residents will pay 30 percent of their income for rent and the federal government will pay the rest.

The grants were awarded under HUD’s Section 811 program, which provides housing for households with one or more very low-income individuals, at least one of whom is at least 18 years old and has a disability, such as a physical or developmental disability or chronic mental illness. The term “person with disabilities” also includes two or more people with disabilities living together, and one or more persons with disabilities living with one or more live-in attendants.

For a household to be classified as very low-income, its total income cannot exceed 50 percent of the area median income. However, most households that receive Section 811 assistance have an income equal to or less than 30 percent of the area median. Generally, this means that a one-person household will have an annual income of about \$10,000, and a two-person household will have an income of about \$11,500.

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HUD provides the funds to non-profits in two forms:

- Capital advances. This is money that covers the cost of developing the housing. It does not need to be repaid as long as the housing is available for at least 40 years for occupancy by very low-income people with disabilities.
- Project rental assistance. This is money that goes to each non-profit group to cover the difference between the residents' contributions toward rent and the cost of operating the project.

A total of 235 groups applied for funding announced today, with 144 groups in 39 states receiving the grant funding. Below is a breakdown of the Section 811 program grants awarded by state:

Alabama	\$1,360,700	Mississippi	\$2,180,100
Arizona	\$1,576,000	Missouri	\$8,990,300
Arkansas	\$2,607,500	Nebraska	\$ 624,700
California	\$13,223,300	New Jersey	\$4,680,600
Colorado	\$2,418,800	New Mexico	\$1,817,500
Connecticut	\$3,146,300	New York	\$10,325,400
Delaware	\$1,178,000	North Carolina	\$4,596,100
Florida	\$6,878,700	Ohio	\$5,572,400
Georgia	\$1,977,700	Oklahoma	\$2,915,200
Hawaii	\$2,085,100	Pennsylvania	\$6,165,100
Idaho	\$1,583,500	Rhode Island	\$3,509,500
Illinois	\$5,802,300	South Carolina	\$1,757,800
Indiana	\$2,324,400	Tennessee	\$ 419,700
Iowa	\$ 354,500	Texas	\$3,162,900
Kentucky	\$4,288,600	Vermont	\$1,155,600
Louisiana	\$3,657,600	Virginia	\$2,280,800
Maryland	\$3,237,900	Washington	\$1,664,000
Massachusetts	\$2,543,200	West Virginia	\$2,069,000
Michigan	\$4,459,400	Wisconsin	\$ 873,700
Minnesota	\$2,245,500		

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