First-Ever Toolkit Helps Organizations Create Emergency Plans
When a natural disaster strikes, a poorly managed response can put the safety of residents at risk. Developed in partnership with HUD, the new “Ready to Respond: Disaster Staffing Toolkit” features videos, guides, worksheets and checklists to help multifamily housing leaders prepare for the next natural disaster.

The new toolkit will help organizations "better protect their residents, minimize the impact of emergencies, and prepare and safeguard their buildings and staff," said Terri Ludwig.

The toolkit helps structure command, control and coordination of emergency responses.

CREATING HOMES & CONNECTIONS
Here are a few recent examples of how we continue to make progress with partners across the country by creating affordable homes and connections to opportunity:

Baltimore: Ground Breaks on 68 New Homes

Bronx, N.Y.: 68 Affordable Homes Under Way

Denver: 42 New Homes Promise to Be a “Catalyst for the Community”

Los Angeles: New Fund Will Bring $50 Million to Affordable Housing
Portland, Ore.: A New Program Connects Residents to Healthy Lifestyle Options

San Francisco: Small Sites Program Helps Turn Around Distressed Apartments

NEWS & PERSPECTIVE
Ali Solis: There's No Quick Fix for Effects of Entrenched Racism and Generational Poverty

The Plain Dealer: "Nurture an Idea Crowdrise Challenge" is a “Game Changer”

Katie Swenson: “Health is the New Green”

Raoul Moore on the "Unprecedented Investor Demand" in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Market

Now Accepting Applications: Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute

#SaveHOME: Help Prevent Drastic Cuts to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Enterprise Community Loan Fund Awarded a $7.5 Million Investment

MAKE ROOM
Make Room for Marlene Sigar of Madison, Tenn., a single mom struggling to make rent and raise her two daughters while coping with the death of her 10-year-old son from a brain tumor.

The Sigar family looks on as the band John and Jacob give a private concert at their home.

ENTERPRISE RESOURCE CENTER
Visit our online library for a wide offering of new and timeless affordable housing tools and resources:

Reconnecting Schools and Neighborhoods: An Introduction to School-Centered Community Revitalization

Early Warning Systems for Affordable Housing Properties: Identifying and Communicating Property Risk
SOCIAL

Here are a few notable tweets:

@FordFoundation
Child #poverty is costing the U.S. $672 billion: http://ampr.gs/1TOliiw via @amprog

@emilymbadger
Rents are rising a lot faster now on modest rentals than luxury ones: http://on.wsj.com/1NBvkwg

@urbaninstitute
#Housing policy hits the small screen: Recap of @HBO’s #ShowMeAHero http://urbn.is/1flo9MQ


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"What we do today will put us on a more resilient path to weather the next disaster that will most surely come our way." – Julián Castro, HUD Secretary

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