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HUD AWARDS \$30 MILLION TO HELP CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded \$30 million to public housing authorities nationwide, which will work closely with local public welfare agencies to identify youth at risk of homelessness and families whose lack of adequate housing is the primary reason their children are in foster care.

This funding will make 3,000 vouchers available for families who are unable to secure affordable housing for their children or dependents.

"HUD is committed to helping parents and caregivers obtain safe and affordable housing for their families," said HUD Secretary Ben Carson. "This investment will allow thousands of children to leave the foster care system and live with their families so they have the opportunity to thrive together."

"With this investment, Secretary Carson takes a major step forward in his plans to ensure that HUD resources provide a platform for strong families and opportunities for self-sufficiency" said Ruth White, Executive Director of the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare. "We applaud the Secretary for leading the way towards interagency collaboration that will reunify thousands of children with their parents, improve the economic prospects for youth leaving foster care, and ultimately reduce costs."

The funding announced today is offered through HUD's Family Unification Program (FUP), which provides rental assistance to parents struggling to provide adequate housing for their children. Additionally, this funding can be used to help provide stable housing for young adults (ages 18-24) who have aged-out of the foster care system. Like HUD's Housing Choice Vouchers, these vouchers allow families to rent housing from a private landlord and generally pay 30 percent of their monthly adjusted gross income towards rent and utilities.

According to the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare (NCHCW), an affordable housing and child welfare advocacy group, keeping children in foster care is an expensive alternative to affordable housing. On average, it costs more than \$48,000 annually per family when children enter foster care. By contrast, housing and services to keep a family together costs approximately \$15,000 annually per family. Supportive services for FUP families and youth are provided by agencies funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A \$20 million investment in FUP vouchers saves more than \$134 million in foster care costs.

Housing authorities that are awarded vouchers work closely with local public welfare agencies to identify youth at risk of homelessness and children who were placed in foster care due to lack of adequate housing.

Family Unification Program funding will be distributed to the following states:

STATE	PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY	AMOUNT	VOUCHERS
Arizona	City of Phoenix Housing Department	\$811,349	89
	City of Mesa	\$208,665	28
	Housing Authority of Maricopa County	\$260,074	29
	City of Tempe Housing Services Division	\$299,047	30
Arizona Total		\$1,579,135	176
California	The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles	\$966,042	83
	Housing Authority of The City of Los Angeles, The	\$842,616	74
	Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara	\$966,042	74
	The Housing Authority of the County of Yolo	\$212,153	26
	Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo	\$349,148	38
	The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz	\$966,042	58

	Community Development Commission of Mendocino County, Housing Authority	\$156,156	22
	Orange County Housing Authority	\$754,282	60
California Total		5,212,481	435
Colorado	Boulder County Housing Authority	\$611,940	42
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Connecticut	Stamford Housing Authority	\$471,416	28
	Bristol Housing Authority	\$275,303	31
	Housing Authority of the City of Hartford	\$743,831	83
	Connecticut Department of Housing	\$780,514	72
Connecticut Total		\$2,271,064	214
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Housing Authority	\$966,042	48
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Florida	Jacksonville Housing Authority	\$562,037	78
	The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa	\$658,874	80
	West Palm Beach Housing Authority	\$726,926	66
	Gainesville Housing Authority	\$308,696	41
	Hialeah Housing Authority	\$720,498	81
	Homestead Housing Authority	\$268,830	28
Florida Total		\$3,245,861	374
Georgia	Housing Authority of the City of Carrollton	\$97,318	11
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Illinois	The Chicago Housing Authority	\$966,042	78
	Madison County Housing Authority	\$122,171	19
	Housing Authority of Cook County	\$857,336	89
	Lake County Housing Authority	\$382,028	45
Illinois Total		\$2,327,577	231
Kentucky	Kentucky Housing Corporation	\$425,844	74
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Massachusetts	Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND)	\$197,078	15
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Maryland	Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County	\$247,354	18
	Baltimore County	\$820,032	74
Maryland Total		\$1,067,387	92
Michigan	Ann Arbor Housing Commission	\$246,923	32
	Michigan State Housing Development Authority	\$514,152	81
Michigan Total		\$761,074	113
Minnesota	Housing Authority of St. Louis Park	\$118,384	15
	Washington County Community Development Agency	\$116,012	15
Minnesota Total		\$234,395	30
North Dakota	Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$180,936	40
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New Hampshire	New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority	\$544,968	64
New Hampshire Total		\$544,968	64
New York	Ithaca Housing Authority	\$379,012	41
	New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development	\$728,354	57
New York Total		\$1,107,366	98
Ohio	Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$485,311	74
	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$72,784	12

Ohio Total		\$558,096	86
Oregon	Home Forward	\$966,042	88
	Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority	\$200,669	29
Oregon Total		\$1,166,711	117
Pennsylvania	Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh	\$556,622	77
	Housing Authority of the County of Chester	\$182,870	21
	Bucks County Housing Authority	\$778,610	82
Pennsylvania Total		\$1,518,103	180
Tennessee	Memphis Housing Authority	\$490,137	72
	Knoxville's Community Development Corporation	\$113,183	18
	Chattanooga Housing Authority	\$450,599	70
Tennessee Total		\$1,053,919	160
Texas	Houston Housing Authority	\$733,575	85
	Housing Authority of Travis County	\$303,733	34
Texas Total		\$1,037,308	119
Virginia	Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	\$181,746	27
	Loudoun County	\$136,834	10
Virginia Total		\$318,580	37
Vermont	Vermont State Housing Authority	\$598,047	59
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Washington	Housing Authority of City Of Seattle	\$966,042	75
	Housing Authority of the County of King	\$966,042	61
	Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver	\$565,155	60
Washington Total		\$2,497,239	196
Wisconsin	Brown County Housing Authority	\$290,064	52
	Eau Claire County Housing Authority	\$98,422	20
Wisconsin Total		\$388,487	72
TOTAL		\$29,966,956	3,083

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