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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of training webinars on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled “[Resources for Staying Connected During COVID-19 Outbreak](#),” will provide resources to assist residents as they continue to learn, stay healthy, and keep in touch with friends and family during the COVID-19 outbreak. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, from 2:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including instructions on how to register.

Nominations Open for Secretary’s Historic Preservation Award

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has announced the opening of nominations for the [2020 HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation](#). The annual award is presented jointly by [HUD](#) and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation ([ACHP](#)).

Nominated projects or activities will be judged for the success they have achieved in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, and interpreting our architectural and cultural heritage. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- Promote the use of historic buildings for affordable housing, community development, and/or expanded economic opportunities
- Include HUD funds or financing
- Meet preservation guidelines
- Contribute to local and/or tribal community revitalization efforts

Nominations are due by April 20, 2020. A review of past Secretary’s Awards is available [here](#).



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