



HUD Section 3

Each year, U.S. Dept. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) invests billions of federal dollars into distressed communities across the country for projects.

Projects include:

- Building and rehabilitating housing
- Improving a variety of infrastructures
- Building community centers
- Helping families achieve stability and advancement

The Section 3 program requires recipients of HUD funding to direct employment, training, and contracting opportunities to low-income individuals and the businesses that employ these persons within their community. Section 3 is a provision of the HUD Act of 1968 and is found at 12 U.S.C. 1701u. The regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 75.

Per this statutory language, recipients of HUD funds (i.e. grantees and contractors) ensure that “to the greatest extent feasible,” when certain HUD funds are used to assist housing and community development projects, preference for construction-related training, jobs, and contracting opportunities go to low- and very-low income people and to businesses that are owned by low- and very-low income persons or businesses that hire them. These opportunities are both gender and race neutral.

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