



# HUD Survey of Community Development Departments

This brief, confidential survey solicits your opinion—as a spokesperson for your agency—of the service being provided to you by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please answer the questions by placing an “x” in the box of the response that comes closest to describing your experiences with HUD. If you deal with more than one HUD program, office, or employee, please take all of your experiences into consideration when answering the questions.

Your responses will remain strictly confidential. Neither you nor your agency will be identified in reporting the survey findings to HUD or anyone else. The survey is being conducted by Silber & Associates, an independent and non-partisan research organization.

Please complete the questionnaire this week and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you need assistance, please telephone Silber & Associates toll-free at 1-888-SILBER-1 (888-745-2371) or e-mail [support@SAsurveys.com](mailto:support@SAsurveys.com).

1. How **frequent** have your **agency’s contacts** been **with HUD** during the past twelve months?

Very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 Somewhat frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 Not very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)  
 None at all    →    **On behalf of your agency, are you in a position to assess and comment on the performance of HUD’s organization and programs?**  
 Don’t know    →   
 

- Yes (CONTINUE)
- No    →    PLEASE FORWARD TO APPROPRIATE PERSON, OR RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE IF THERE IS NO SUCH PERSON
- Don’t Know    →

2. During the past twelve months has your **agency** had **contact** with:

	Yes	No	Don’t Know
a. HUD personnel in HUD’s Washington DC Headquarters office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD personnel in one or more of HUD’s field offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD personnel in a specialized HUD Center or Hub (such as the Real Estate Assessment Center, Section 8 Financial Management Center, Troubled Agency Recovery Center (TARC), Multifamily Property Disposition Center, HUD Homeownership Centers, FHA Resource Center, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. A contractor working for HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. HUD has several **different responsibilities**. On one hand, it provides various forms of **support** (for example, funding, technical assistance, information) and, on the other, it has a **regulatory** responsibility (that is, it makes rules, assures compliance with those rules, makes assessments). In your agency’s relationship with HUD, would you say HUD is mainly providing support to you, mainly regulating you, or doing both about equally?

Mainly providing support  
 Mainly regulating  
 About equally providing support and regulating  
 Neither/something other  
 Don’t know

4. Thinking first about **HUD programs** with which you currently deal and then about how HUD runs those programs, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with:

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	It depends	Don’t know
a. The HUD programs you currently deal with	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The way HUD currently runs those programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	No experience with program
5. Now, more specifically, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way HUD runs the:						
a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HOME Investments Partnership program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Listed below are different ways to think about **your relationship with HUD**. For each item, indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction at the present point in time. Check "Not applicable" if the situation does not apply to your agency (for example, if you do not currently receive information from HUD).

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with...?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable	Don't know
a. The <b>quality</b> of the <b>information</b> you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The <b>timeliness</b> of the <b>information</b> you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The <b>timeliness of decision-making by HUD</b> (such as requests for waivers, rulings, and approvals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The <b>quality of guidance</b> you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The <b>consistency of guidance</b> you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The <b>clarity of HUD rules and requirements</b> that apply to your agency; in other words, how easy they are to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The <b>responsiveness</b> of the <b>people</b> with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The <b>competence</b> of the <b>people</b> with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The extent to which <b>HUD employees</b> have the <b>knowledge, skills, and ability</b> to do their work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Your ability to <b>reach</b> the <b>people at HUD</b> whom you need to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The <b>time commitment</b> required to <b>comply</b> with HUD <b>reporting</b> requirements (e.g., the Integrated Disbursement and Information System [IDIS])	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. HUD provides **training and technical assistance** through different methods. For each method listed below, please indicate how useful or not useful you've found it. Check "Have not used" if that applies.

	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not too useful	Not useful at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD-sponsored <b>conferences</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD-sponsored <b>satellite broadcasts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD-sponsored <b>training programs</b> conducted by <b>contractors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. HUD's <b>Webpage</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. HUD's <b>Webcast training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. HUD participation in <b>panel discussions</b> and <b>training sessions</b> set up by <b>non-HUD groups</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. HUD has increasingly relied on **electronic transmission** to communicate with its partners. Based on your experience in the past 12 months, please indicate how effective or ineffective each of the following has been as a tool for HUD to convey important information to you, such as notices and guidance. Check "Have not used" if HUD hasn't communicated with you this way.

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not too effective	Not effective at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD <b>listserves</b> (automated mailing lists of subscribers to which HUD sends <b>e-mail</b> messages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD's <b>Website</b> postings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD's <b>E-mail</b> (individual correspondence to or from a HUD employee)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. How important or unimportant is your community's five-year **Consolidated Plan** when it comes to deciding which low-income housing or community development activities to pursue? *Check "Have not developed" if you haven't developed a Con Plan.*

	Essential	Very important but not essential	Somewhat important	Not at all important	Don't know	Have not developed Consolidated Plan
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following as it relates to your agency. *Check "Not applicable" if the situation does not apply to your agency.*

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with...?

a. The overall <b>quality</b> of the <b>Consolidated Plan Management Process Tool (CPMP)</b> , HUD's computer tool for preparing your Consolidated Plan	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable	Don't know
b. The <b>ease of use</b> of the <b>CPMP</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The <b>technical support</b> available from HUD for using the <b>CPMP</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The <b>guidance</b> provided by HUD for developing your <b>Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The ability of <b>HUD field office personnel</b> to <b>consistently and reliably interpret regulations</b> that pertain to your community development grants and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The <b>quality</b> of HUD's <b>monitoring</b> (including by phone) of your Agency's <b>program activities</b> and <b>performance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The overall <b>quality</b> of the <b>Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)</b> —considering such things as clarity of instructions, ease of use, usefulness, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The <b>timeliness</b> of HUD information & technical assistance for implementing provisions of the <b>Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008</b> —such as those related to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, housing counseling, or the FHA mortgage insurance program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The <b>quality</b> of HUD support & technical assistance related to implementing provisions of the <b>Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008</b> (see h above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The <b>quality</b> of HUD support & technical assistance related to addressing local and regional <b>foreclosure</b> issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The <b>quality</b> of HUD support & technical assistance related to improving the <b>energy efficiency</b> of housing supported by HUD programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. **Grants.gov (formerly eGrants)** is intended to be a simple, unified electronic storefront for interactions between grant applicants and Federal agencies—providing information about grant opportunities and facilitating grant applications. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Grants.gov—considering such things as ease of use, usefulness etc.? *Check "Have not used" if you haven't used Grants.gov.*

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Have not used Grants.gov
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. In 2008, HUD initiated **e-snaps**, an online application process for the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with e-snaps—considering such things as clarity of instructions, ease of use, usefulness etc.? *Check "Have not used" if you haven't used e-snaps.*

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Have not used e-snaps
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. If your agency put together a **logic model** in conjunction with a HUD NOFA application, have you found that the logic model helped you to...?

a. Better <b>identify</b> performance <b>indicators</b>	Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No	I Don't know	Haven't done a logic model in conjunction with HUD grant application
b. Better <b>think through</b> activities to achieve your desired objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Better <b>manage</b> your HUD <b>grant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

