



## Advancing Interagency Coordination September 2021

Federal government invests across agencies for housing, community development, and related activities with mutual goals promoted between programs. Affordable housing development, utility upgrades, and business assistance are examples of supported activities funded by multiple agencies. While varying federal sources can be matched to facilitate developments, programs can also be difficult to navigate. Though goals remain aligned, separate programs have specific sets of requirements in applying to and accessing funds. Further requirements remain widely different as well on administration of program funding including regulations, reporting, and eligibility to direct resources.

A comprehensive examination and response between agencies can be useful to enhance targeting of federal dollars, promote sustainable initiatives, and maximize outcomes for community benefit. Interagency study would consider how current funding streams are directed from each agency and program. Within this, both similar and separate factors may be identified integral to program outcomes. Recommendations can thereafter be recognized in further connecting programs and streamline both access and use of these important resources.

Primary agencies for consideration include USDA-RD, EPA SRLF, Treasury Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, and Health and Human Services supportive services programs. Review of Treasury resources provided through recent emergency supplemental funding would also be meaningful to better understand how resources are being directed. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted a [study](#) related to this request on interagency coordination between HUD, Economic Development Administration (EDA), and US Department of Agriculture (USDA), published July 30.

Ultimately, this review would help to assess how CPD programs can better adapt policies and procedures aligned with other federal programs.