



Section 3: Empowering People, Growing Businesses and Building Communities

What is Section 3?

- Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) invests billions of federal dollars into communities across the country for projects that provide access to safe and affordable housing and improve public infrastructure.
- Section 3 is a provision ([eCFR :: 24 CFR Part 75 -- Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons](#)) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 that applies to all public housing financial assistance and housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects when the Housing and Community Development financial assistance exceeds \$200,000. Section 3 requires these projects to provide economic opportunities, such as job training, employment, and contracts, to be directed to Section 3 workers, who can be one of the following:
 - Income is below the [limit](#) set by HUD
 - Employed by a Section 3 Business Concern
 - A YouthBuild Participant

What Does Section 3 mean to YouthBuild?

- For recipients of HUD financial assistance, a certain portion of project labor hours must be performed by Section 3 workers. Best efforts should be made to direct economic opportunities to these Section 3 workers. Among those prioritized are YouthBuild participants.
- Identifying local opportunities to partner with HUD grantees is mutually beneficial: HUD grantees meet their Section 3 goals and YouthBuild participants find employment opportunities in the construction industry.

How can one identify and approach partnerships?

- For housing and public infrastructure projects, HUD grant recipients can be found on the following website: <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/find-a-grantee/>
- Additionally, a list of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Home grantees can be found here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/lbp/lhc
- To contact your local Public Housing Authority, please visit: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts
- If your city or county is not a direct recipient of HUD funds, reach out to your state to determine if your local government has received assistance from the state.
- For more Section 3 tools and resources please visit: <https://www.hud.gov/section3> and [Section 3 - HUD Exchange](#)