OPHI is working with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) around the country on revitalizing communities, both on the development side:

- Capital Fund
- HOPE VI
- Mixed Finance deals
- ARRA Funds
...and the supportive service side:

- Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grants
- Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program
- Inter-Agency Partnerships
- HOPE VI Supportive Services
MORE ON HOPE VI

- Program began in 1993 to address severely distressed public housing developments.
  + Typical HOPE VI grant: take down worst public housing development, replace it with mixed income community; single family homes, garden style apartments. Think Cabrini Green.
  + $6 billion program
  + Over 260 grants to over 150 PHAs.
  + Up to 15% for supportive services.
NEW PROGRAM: CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

- CN moves beyond HOPE VI to tackle both housing and supportive services in an entire neighborhood.
- Funds can be used for public housing and other HUD-assisted properties.
- And for services to residents and neighborhood.
- $65 million for FY 2010.
Every HOPE VI since 2000 must have an evaluator. Over 70 grants in that time frame.

Evaluators are typically Universities.

Approximately $170 million to be competed over next few months.

Eligible applicants are PHAs.
Some of our HOPE VI PHAs are working with Universities:

- Schools of Social Work.
- Department of Nursing. (women’s walking club)
- Sociology Departments.
- Urban Planning Departments
- Placement for Summer Youth Program.
- Matriculation
Columbus Housing Authority works with Columbus State University on:
- Students are tutors in afterschool programs
- Students are advisors to adults
- Students help residents obtain clerical/business job skills
- Provide motivational workshops to youth on staying in school, succeeding in life, etc.
Niagara Falls Housing Authority has following partnerships with Universities:

+ Education students from Niagara University (NU) tutor NFHA youth in afterschool programs
+ NU Environmental Health students work to develop a community garden at HOPE VI site
+ SUNY at Buffalo works with NFHA residents on literacy and employment training so that they can access green jobs
UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES: A HEAVENLY MARRIAGE!

- Not really an understatement.
  - PHAs have (some) contract opportunities.
  - PHAs have an array of needs
  - PHAs can be a goldmine for on the ground experience with your students.
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