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# Renters and Rental Market Crisis Working Group





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# Eviction Prevention Efforts

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# Actions Taken to Promote Housing Stability

Detailed in a [June 24<sup>th</sup> fact sheet](#) were the following actions:

- Extending the CDC eviction moratorium
- Encouraging courts to adopt eviction diversion programs (via letter from ASG Gupta)
- Issuing continued guidance on ERAP funds, including on bulk payments and homelessness
- Clarifying Treasury guidance that housing stability services are eligible uses for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Highlighting the 30-day Eviction Notice Requirement for Federally-Backed Properties
- Making clear the Fair Housing Act must be followed
- Leveraging government information channels to reach vulnerable tenants



# White House Summit on Eviction Prevention

- Goal: to highlight eviction diversion best practices and to spur collaboration and action among local actors to prevent eviction
- First hour of the summit was a public webinar, see recording [here](#)
- Bulk of session involved facilitated brainstorming sessions for 46 cities at heightened risk of eviction spikes
- Resulted in tangible commitments in each of the participating cities



# Commitment Themes

- Building or growing eviction diversion programs – including coordinating with state and local courts;
- Convening public officials to promote solutions to keep families housed;
- Expanding representation for tenants in pre-eviction diversionary and eviction proceedings;
- Improving emergency rental assistance administration;
- Creating programming and outreach materials for landlords and tenants; and
- Partnering with philanthropy and NGOs



# Next Steps

- Hosting a follow-up event on July 21<sup>st</sup>
- Two goals for event:
  - Answer FAQs from first convening and showcase best practices that could be helpful to local and state strategies
  - Highlight concrete actions jurisdictions have taken over the course of the past month to assist at-risk tenants



# Discussion Questions

- Are there certain aspects of guidance surrounding rental assistance that we should clarify at the follow-up event? Where are communities getting stuck? What are the bottlenecks?
- Are there best practices or local actions that we should be sure to feature at this next event?
- What are some of the best ways to reach tenants and landlords about the rental assistance?
- How can you help spread the word on these best practices and equip states, cities, counties with these insights?





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