

February 2022 E-Blast

Welcome to the February 2022 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

Thank You! – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

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www.manufacturedhomeowners.us

Debate continues on overdue 2022 federal spending bill, including future of proposed manufactured housing program

Members of Congress are working to enact an overdue FY22 appropriations bill, including a scaled-back “Build Back Better Act.” On February 9, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate leaders announced a bipartisan agreement on a “framework” for the spending package, but decisions are still being made about how to divvy up funding among the 12 spending bills that make up the federal budget. After a recess in February, leaders will soon make key decisions.

The bill as passed the U.S. House of Representatives would invest \$150 billion in affordable housing priorities, such as: \$25 billion to expand rental assistance; \$65 billion to preserve public housing; and \$15 billion to build and preserve homes through the national Housing Trust Fund. It also includes a new \$500 million **Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant** program, in order to address critical health and safety issues. To be eligible for an improvement grant, a community must either be resident-owned or enter into a binding agreement to be maintained as a manufactured home community and remain affordable for low-income families.

Contact your Member of Congress and ask that they support funding of affordable housing, including the Manufactured Housing Improvement Grant program. Find your Member of Congress: [HERE](#)

Join NMHOA Legislative Committee: 1st Wednesday of the Month

NMHOA is the nation-wide membership based organization representing and advocating for manufactured home owners. Our mission is to promote, represent, preserve, and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home-owners throughout the United States. The first Wednesday of every month, we hold a Legislative Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

These meetings involve a range of activities, including identifying possible national legislative activity, working with national legislative allies, supporting state and local legislative efforts, and encouraging people from across the country to share successful strategies. Residents can join these meetings by:

- Video – [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: HOME)
- Phone – [Find your local number](#) (Meeting ID: 830 5524 4206 | Passcode: 208610)

Over 3.2 million households received rental assistance in 2021

The **U.S. Department of the Treasury** reported \$18.5 billion was spent in 2021, providing emergency rental assistance to more than 3.2 million households. Nearly two-thirds of households served had extremely low incomes. However, the federal government provided states with \$46.55 billion and states had widely varying results in getting relief to low-income renter households. While 13 states distributed 70% or more of their funds, there were 14 states that have used 25% or less, despite having high numbers of low-income renters.

[Learn more about rental assistance spending in your state.](#)

U.S. DOE Energy Efficiency Standards

The **Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)** directed the **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** to establish energy conservation standards for manufactured housing based on the most recent version of the **International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**. DOE proposed a tiered approach to address affordability and cost-effectiveness concerns. NMHOA was among the 234 groups and individuals that submitted comments. DOE has now published a **draft environmental impact statement (EIS)** analyzing the impacts of the standards for manufactured housing. Comments can be provided through February 28. Two virtual public info/comment meetings were held January 26 and 27. Find details here: <https://ecs-mh.evs.anl.gov>.

National Housing Lobby Day: March 24

The **National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** is holding a Virtual Capitol Hill Day on Thursday, March 24. NLIHC will provide an Advocacy Day Toolkit, including NLIHC's policy priorities, tips for successful advocacy meetings, talking points, data sheets addressing housing needs, and state-specific information. If you want to join meetings with Members of Congress or their staff, contact NLIHC's Joey Lindstrom at jlindstrom@nlihc.org.

NLIHC is also hosting two webinars to help advocates prepare for Capitol Hill Day:

- **Advocacy 101: Meetings with Elected Officials and the Legislative Process** – March 9 at 1:00 pm ET. The basics of the legislative and budget processes and tips for running effective advocacy meetings. [Register here](#).
- **NLIHC's Policy Priorities for 2022** – March 16 at 12:00 pm ET. NLIHC's policy priorities, and how it relates to the work of housing providers, tenant and home owner associations, and homeless service agencies. Tips for Capitol Hill Day meetings. [Register here](#).

National Low-Income Housing Coalition Policy Forum: March 22-23

The **National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)** will hold its **Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2022: Achieving Housing Justice** on March 22-23, 2022. It will run 12:30-5:30 pm ET on March 22

and 1:00-5:30 pm ET on March 23. The forum will feature keynote speakers and panels, including a special address by U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia L. Fudge.

- Panels include: the HoUSed Campaign for Universal, Stable, Affordable Housing – Progress To-Date and the Road Ahead; Capitol Hill Insiders Panel; Ending Rental Arrears to Stop Evictions; Achieving Renter Protections; Expanding the Multi-Sector Affordable Housing Movement; and Best Practices in Organizing.
- Other interactive sessions include: Our Homes, Our Votes 2022: Non-partisan Voter and Candidate Engagement; Disaster Housing Recovery; Effective Media/Social Media Strategies & Practices; and Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

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Stay informed about the Coronavirus

All forms of media are now dominated with information about the coronavirus, but some less reputable sources are spreading incomplete, misleading, false, or even malicious information. Stay informed but make sure that you are relying on reputable sources and, ideally, confirming the information with at least two sources. A couple of the best sources are the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [your own state health department](#).

Members only – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – i'mPOWERED – this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/> and please “like” our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com. Your story will inspire and educate others.