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NARC is moving to a new location!  
Effective November 1st,  
our new address will be:

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## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

*Congress will return in mid-November.*

Congress will be back after the November elections and big decisions loom for the lame duck session. Lawmakers will have only a few weeks to agree on a spending bill before the current short term extension runs out on December 9. NARC's legislative agenda for the lame duck session includes funding for local government programs such as Community Development Block Grants, transportation, US Census programs, the Economic Development Administration, programs for seniors including funding of the Older Americans Act, and water infrastructure funding. NARC also joins local government colleagues in urging passage of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to fund vital water programs. In addition, NARC has been visiting Capitol Hill on ways to resolve concerns over the Department of Transportation's MPO coordination rules.

### **30th Anniversary: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit**

This past Saturday marked the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which was authorized by President Ronald Reagan on October 22, 1986 with bipartisan support. Since 1986, the Housing Credit has enabled the development of over 2.9 million apartments, providing affordable homes to roughly 6.7 million low-income families.

### **HUD Extends Deadline for Submission of an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)**

HUD announced an extension of the deadline for submission of an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for consolidated plan program participants that receive a Community Development Block Grant of \$500,000 or less. Announced in the October 24 **Federal Register**, the first AFH is due no later than 270 calendar days prior to the start of the program year that begins on or after January 1, 2019, for which a new consolidated plan is due. Communities that only receive HOME funding and belong to a consortia that receive \$500,000 or less will also receive a similar extension.

## OTHER NEWS

### **Applications Now Open for 2017 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize**

Application Deadline: November 3, 2016

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces that applications are now open for the 2017 RWJF Culture of Health Prize. This annual award honors communities that are beacons of hope and progress for healthier people, families, and places. In 2017, up to 10 winners will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and the chance to share their accomplishments and their stories with the nation. Communities—urban and rural, tribal, large, small and in between—are invited to apply. To learn more about the prize, selection criteria, application process and to see the stories about previous winners, visit [www.rwjf.org/prize](http://www.rwjf.org/prize). Applications are due **November 3, 2016**.

### **Is Your Community Ready to Transform a Brownfield Site into an Economic Asset, but Held Back by Technical or Financing Hurdles?**

*November 3 - New Orleans*

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (**CDFA**) is offering EPA grant-funded project troubleshooting and financing recommendations for redevelopment projects FREE through the **Brownfields Projects Marketplace** this November 3 in New Orleans, Louisiana at CDFA's National Summit.

Participants will present their redevelopment projects to financiers and brownfield experts and receive immediate feedback. The Brownfields Project Marketplace is a terrific technical assistance opportunity for communities to connect with the highest caliber professionals and receive recommendations on innovative financing and how to best advance their projects.

Communities participating in the Brownfields Project Marketplace will receive complimentary registration (two per community) to the entire National Summit. Sign up to participate or connect to more CDFA resources **on their blog**. Contact Program Manager Emily Moser directly at [emoser@cdfa.net](mailto:emoser@cdfa.net) with any questions or for more information.

## FEATURED JOBS

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### **Department Director of Technical Services**

San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego, CA

### **Lead Manager**

Alamo Area Council of Governments, San Antonio, TX

### **Senior Planner**

Yakima Valley Council of Governments, Yakima, WA

## FUNDING

*[View full list of grants!](#)*

### **Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

Applications Deadline: November 18

FEMA announced the annual funding opportunity for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). The Fiscal Year 2016 AFG program will award \$310.5 million to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters against fire-related deaths and hazards. FEMA awards AFG funding to fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and state fire-training academies. In addition, FEMA awards funding to other nonprofit organizations recognized for their experience and expertise with respect to fire prevention, fire safety programs and activities, and firefighter research and development programs. The grant guidance is posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [here](#). Applicants who need additional information may contact [firegrants@fema.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.gov) or call 866-274-0960.

## EVENTS

*View full list of events!*

### **Webinar: Improving Efficiency in the 2018 IECC through Online Voting with cdpACCESS**

**November 3 1:00 PM ET**

**November 9 12:00 PM ET**

**November 17 3:00 PM ET**

The Energy Efficient Codes Coalition will provide this briefing on the upcoming nationwide online voting period for the 2018 IECC using the cdpACCESS system of the International Code Council, nominally scheduled for November 8-22, 2016. The briefing will review the outcomes from the Kansas City hearings that determined the code changes on the final ballot. The briefing will cover the IECC's *Voting Guide and Recommendations* for measures to be approved or modified to keep the IECC on track for efficiency gains, and on the backsliding and rollback measures to be disapproved. This webinar will be repeated three times in November. Please choose the date which works best for you above.

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