



Section 3

Job Training, Employment, & Contracting Opportunities through CARES Act Funding

WHAT IS SECTION 3?

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, which states: *“To ensure that jobs, training and contracting generated by HUD funding shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns that substantially employ those persons.”*



SECTION 3 APPLIES TO CARES ACT FUNDING.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) did not waive Section 3 statutory and regulatory requirements for Section 3 covered recipients – examples of a Section 3 covered recipient include public housing authorities or Unit of General Local Government receiving more than \$200,000 in HUD housing and community development program funding in a program year.

Section 3 applies to CARES Act HUD Funding and given the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic nationally, Section 3 covered recipients should “to the greatest extent feasible” create employment, training, and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 business to help the economy with that funding.

BUSINESS REGISTRY

<https://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz>

The Section 3 Business Registry is a listing of businesses that have self-certified as meeting one of the regulatory definitions of a Section 3 business.

The Business Registry is a searchable online database that can be used by Section 3 covered recipients, developers, contractors, and others to facilitate the award of Section 3 contracts.



OPPORTUNITY PORTAL

<https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal>

The Section 3 Opportunity portal is intended to help Section 3 covered recipients meet their Section 3 obligations for employment and contracting. The site is to be used by either Section 3 Residents or Employers.

Section 3 Residents may use the Opportunity Portal to *search for jobs AND post their profile/employment history* for companies to search

Employers may use the site for *posting job/contract opportunities or search for Section 3 Residents* to fill positions.