



# Community Assessment Reporting Tool

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is CART?

CART is the acronym for the Community Assessment Reporting Tool. CART is an application that was developed by HUD's Office of Field Policy & Management in coordination with the Office of Policy Development & Research. This application endeavors to answer the question "How is HUD invested in my community?" by providing a picture of HUD investments at the community level using GIS mapping technology. The CART tool allows you to search for HUD investment information at five levels of geography: congressional district, unit of general local government (e.g. city, township), county, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or state.

### 2. Where does CART data and information originate?

The data and information within CART originates from both HUD Administrative systems as well as the US Census. For the various HUD datasets the information comes from the following systems:

Data Set	Data Source	Update Frequency
CPD Formula Grants (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPD Systems Development and Evaluation Division</li> <li>Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS)</li> </ul>	Annual
CPD Competitive Grants (Continuum of Care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) - Housing Inventory Count (HIC)</li> <li>Point-in-Time (PIT) Count</li> <li>Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)</li> </ul>	Annual
Section 108 Loans	Office of Community Planning & Development, Financial Management Division	Annual
Disaster Recovery Grants	Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR)	As needed
Multi-Family Rental Assistance (PBRA, Section 811, Section 202, Section 236)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS)</li> <li>Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS)</li> </ul>	Quarterly
PHA Funding (Operating Fund & Capital Fund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inventory Management System (IMS)/ PIH Information Center (PIC)</li> <li>HUD's Central Accounting and Program System (HUDCAPS)</li> </ul>	Quarterly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)</li> </ul>	
Public Housing Low-Rent Properties and Housing Choice Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory Management System (IMS)/ PIH Information Center (PIC)</li> <li>• HUD's Central Accounting and Program System (HUDCAPS)</li> <li>• Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)</li> <li>• Voucher Management System (VMS)</li> </ul>	Quarterly
Multi-Family Mortgage Insurance	Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS)	Quarterly
Single Family Housing Insurance in Force	Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS)	Quarterly
Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) and Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) Grants	FHEO Office of Management, Planning & Budget	Annual
Housing Counseling Agency Grants	Housing Counseling System (HCS)	Annual
Rental Assistance Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS)</li> <li>• Inventory Management System (IMS)/ PIH Information Center (PIC)</li> </ul>	Quarterly
Demographics	US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data	Annual

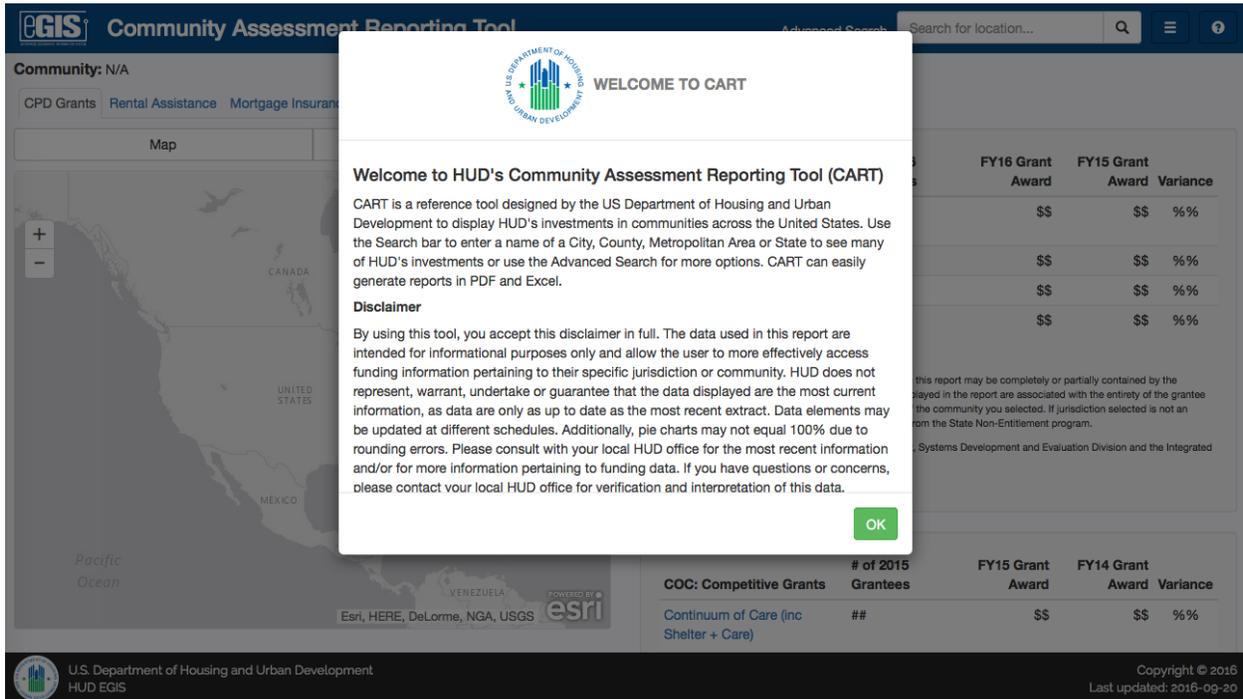
### 3. How often is this data updated?

The data within the CART application is updated on either a quarterly or annual basis depending on the type of investment or funding stream. Each section of the tool has a footnote indicating the data source as well as the update frequency for that specific data set.

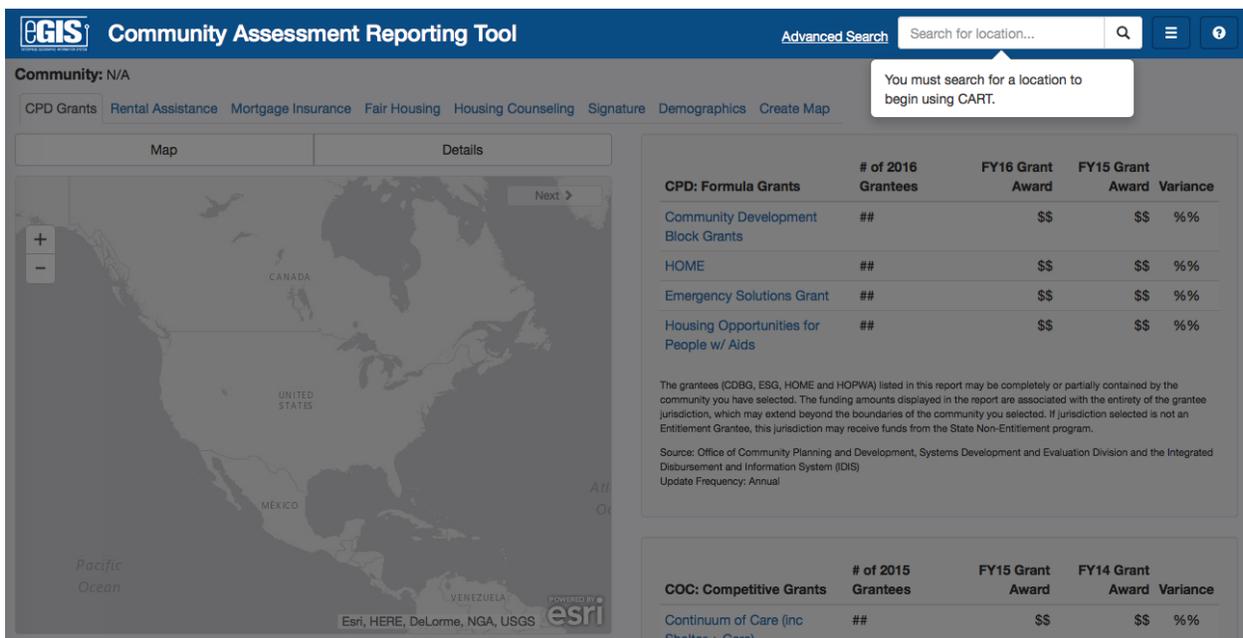
### 4. How do I use CART to access HUD investments?

Using CART to access HUD investments is easy. Simply enter the name of the community you are interested in into the search bar at the top right hand corner of your screen and click enter. The application will pull up a menu for you to confirm the community you have selected and then the CART application will pull in all HUD investments within that community. Within the CART application there are seven tabs with data based on the type of HUD funding (CPD Grants, Rental Assistance, Mortgage Insurance, Fair Housing, Housing Counseling and Signature Programs) as well as Demographic information. Simply click on the tab you are interested in and the CART application will display a map of HUD investments based on funding type as well as a detailed breakout of HUD funding within the community. If you would like to export this information to take on the go simply click on the hamburger-like button in the top right corner to generate a report and print.

Step 1: Open [egis.hud.gov/cart](http://egis.hud.gov/cart) to access the application and you will be greeted with a welcome screen and disclaimer language. Click OK on the disclaimer to open the application.

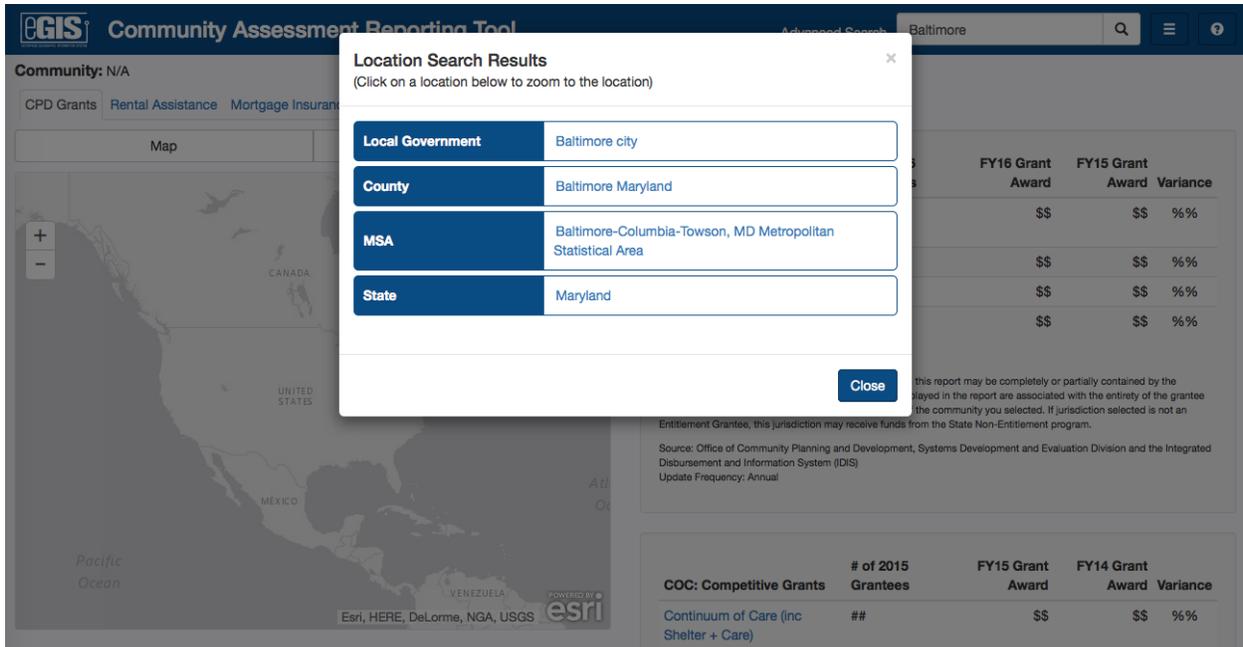


Step 2: Type the community name into the search field in the upper right hand corner of your screen. If you are interested in a Congressional District you will need to use the Advanced Search option.

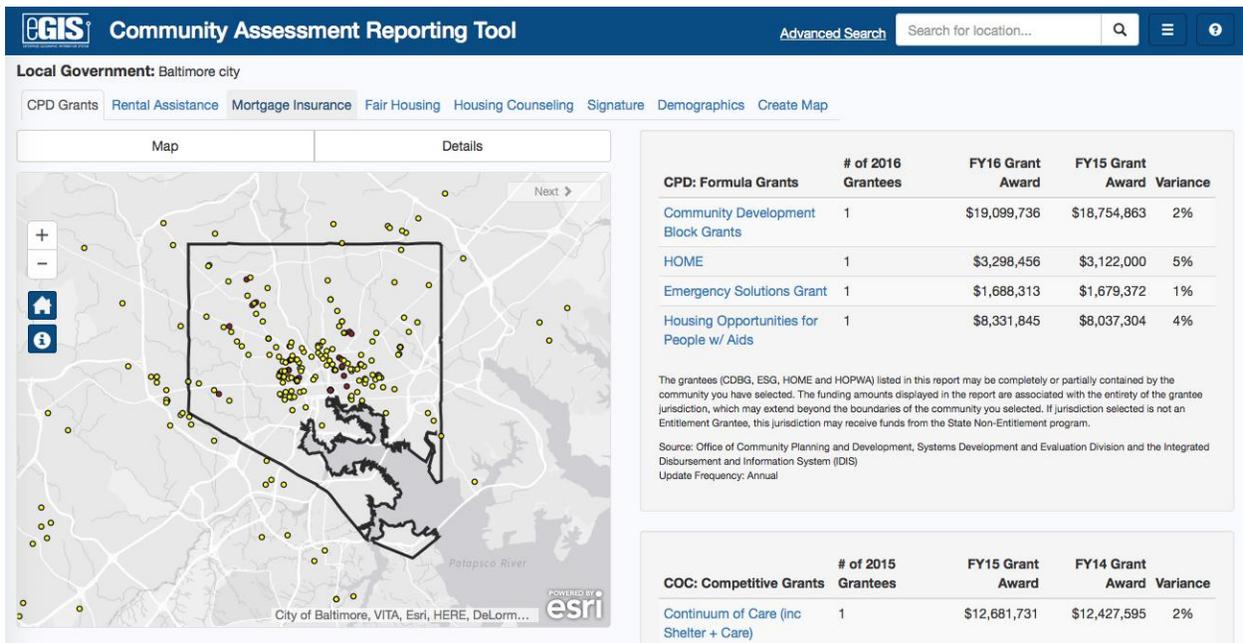


Step 3: Once you have typed in your community name and clicked enter the location search results screen will pop up and you will confirm your community selection at the Local Government, County,

MSA or State level. Once you click on your desired location in the search results the CART application will pull up all data for the selected community.



Step 4: Now you are ready to use CART! Check out each of the tabs to view HUD investments based on program discipline within your community.



5. Does CART show every HUD program and investment within a selected community?

No, CART endeavors to show the major HUD programs that provide investments within a specific community. Currently CART is focused on the following programs: Community Planning & Development (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG, Continuum of Care, Section 108, and CDBG-Disaster Recovery); Multi-Family Rental Assistance (Project-Based Rental Assistance, Section 811, Section 202, and Section 236); Public & Indian Housing (PHA Operating Fund and Capital Fund, Low-Rent Properties, and Housing Choice Vouchers); Multi-Family Mortgage Insurance; Single Family FHA Insurance in Force; and HUD Signature Programs (Sustainable Communities, Choice Neighborhoods, Promise Zones, Strong Cities Strong Communities and the Rental Assistance Demonstration). For information on other HUD programs and investments please contact the local field office for your selected community.

**6. How can I tell what tab I should be looking at for a specific program or property type?**

If you are interested in a specific HUD program or property type please refer to the following crosswalk which will align each of CART’s tabs with the appropriate HUD program and property type.

CART Tab	HUD Programs
CPD Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</li> <li>• HOME</li> <li>• Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)</li> <li>• Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)</li> <li>• Continuum of Care (COC)</li> <li>• Section 108 Loans</li> <li>• Disaster Recovery Grants</li> </ul>
Rental Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Based Rental Assistance</li> <li>• Section 811</li> <li>• Section 202</li> <li>• Section 236</li> <li>• PHA Funding (Operating Fund &amp; Capital Fund)</li> <li>• Public Housing Low-Rent Properties</li> <li>• Housing Choice Vouchers</li> </ul>
Mortgage Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Advance</li> <li>• Risk Sharing</li> <li>• New Construction</li> <li>• Refinancing &amp; Improvements</li> <li>• Healthcare and Hospitals</li> <li>• Other MF Mortgage Insurance</li> <li>• Loans Maturing within Fiscal Year</li> <li>• Single Family Housing Insurance in Force</li> <li>• Defaults</li> <li>• HUD Real Estate Owned (REO) Properties</li> </ul>
Fair Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) Grants</li> <li>• Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) Grants</li> </ul>
Housing Counseling Agency Grants	Housing Counseling Agencies and Grants

Signature Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Communities Grants (Challenge and Regional Planning)</li> <li>• Choice Neighborhoods (Implementation and Planning)</li> <li>• Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Properties Converted</li> <li>• Promise Zone sites</li> <li>• Strong Cities Strong Communities (SC2) sites</li> </ul>
Demographics	US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data

**7. How do I get more details on HUD investments? What if I have a question on a specific funding amount in my selected jurisdiction?**

Within the CART application you can select the hyperlink of the HUD Program in the right hand overview panel and see additional information on those HUD investments within your community. This is especially helpful if you searched a large area such as a State or MSA as you will be able to see both the roll up and break out of entitlements, grantees, COCs, participating jurisdictions and PHAs within the jurisdiction. The details pane is also helpful if you wish to look at a specific property for funding information or for tenant characteristics. The details pane provides more in depth details on each grant and property that is aggregated in the CART application.

Example: User selects hyperlink for Community Development Block Grants and brings up details.

The screenshot shows the 'Community Assessment Reporting Tool' interface. At the top, it indicates the state is Maryland. A map of Maryland is displayed on the left. On the right, there is a navigation menu with options like 'CPD Grants', 'Rental Assistance', 'Mortgage Insurance', 'Fair Housing', 'Housing Counseling', and 'Sign'. Below the navigation menu is a table of grant types. The 'Community Development Block Grants' row is circled in red. Below this table, there is a detailed table for 'Community Development Block Grants' with columns for Grantee, State, FY16 Grant Award, and FY15 Grant Award. The table lists 15 grantees, including Annapolis, Baltimore, Bowie City, Cumberland, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Hagerstown, and Salisbury. A red box highlights this detailed table. To the right of the detailed table, there is a note about grantee boundaries and a source attribution to the Office of Community Planning and Development.

CPD: Formula Grants	# of 2016 Grantees	FY16 Grant Award	FY15 Grant Award	Variance
<a href="#">Community Development Block Grants</a>	15	\$45,051,559	\$44,310,159	2%
HOME	8	\$12,596,910	\$12,361,825	2%
Emergency Solutions Grant	6	\$3,988,674	\$3,975,651	0%
Housing Opportunities for People w/ Aids	4	\$21,794,916	\$21,135,857	3%

Grantee	State	FY16 Grant Award	FY15 Grant Award
Annapolis	MD	\$249,088	\$248,644
Baltimore	MD	\$19,099,736	\$18,754,863
Bowie City	MD	\$162,514	\$159,883
Cumberland	MD	\$730,431	\$730,042
Frederick	MD	\$366,697	\$372,370
Gaithersburg	MD	\$353,710	\$306,242
Hagerstown	MD	\$654,941	\$641,604
Salisbury	MD	\$290,447	\$298,616

Example: User selects hyperlink for Public Housing Authorities and brings up details.

**Community Assessment Reporting Tool** Advanced Search

State: Maryland

**PHA Funding (Operating Fund & Capital Fund)**

Count: 31 Details

PHA Name	Street	City	State	
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS	1217 Madison St	Annapolis	MD	21
Housing Authority Of Baltimore City	417 E Fayette St	Baltimore	MD	21
Frederick Housing Authority	209 Madison St	Frederick	MD	21

CPD Grants Rental Assistance Mortgage Insurance Fair Housing Housing Counseling Sign >

**Public and Indian Housing**

PUBLIC HOUSING	FY16 Funding	FY15 Funding	Variance
PHA Funding (Operating Fund & Capital Fund)	\$91,965,024	\$132,051,285	-44%

HUD PIH INVESTMENTS:	# of 2016 Units	FY16 Estimated Expenditures	FY15 Estimated Expenditures	Variance
Public Housing Low-Rent Properties	15,789 units	\$93,068,552	\$131,935,103	-42%
Section 8 Voucher Program	53,407 units	\$593,668,243	\$573,752,264	3%

The Public Housing Authority funding information provided in this report are summarized for the selected community based on the location (address) of the Public Housing Authority as recorded in HUD's administrative data system. Please note that the Public Housing Authorities located within the boundaries of the selected community may or may not be servicing the selected community. Funding amounts displayed are connected to the entirety of the Public Housing Authority administrative area, which may extend beyond the boundaries of the selected community. Additionally, Public Housing Authorities, Developments and Buildings may not appear in the map or details section due to incomplete or erroneous address information.

Source: Inventory Management System (IMS)/ PIH Information Center (PIC), HUD's Central Accounting and Program System (HUDCAPS), Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)  
Update Frequency: Quarterly

The number of low-rent units, vouchers, and estimated expenditures provided in this report are summarized for the selected

If you need further information than what is contained in the details pane please visit [Egis.hud.gov](http://Egis.hud.gov) to view the data directly at the source or contact your local HUD Field Office.

**8. Where can I go to find more information?**

To find more information on a selected community or on other HUD programs not listed in CART there are a variety of other portals that a user can reference. HUD.gov is HUD's front facing portal that speaks to a variety of HUD special initiatives, HUD Exchange (<https://www.hudexchange.info/>) provides information, resources and assistance to support HUD's community based efforts, HUD User (<https://www.huduser.gov/>) provides research, data and analytics on specific communities, and the EGIS portal (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/egis/index.html>) provides geospatial data. You can also contact your local HUD Field Office to obtain additional programmatic data for your community.

**9. Does all of the entitlement funding and competitive grants listed in CART go directly to my community?**

The CART application aggregates the grantee based on the community you have selected. There are some instances where the entitlement or grantee jurisdictions extend past your selected community's jurisdictional boundary. In these instances, CART will provide the grants and funding for all grantees that are either completely or partially contained within the selected community's boundary. As funding amounts are associated with the entirety of the grantee jurisdiction some of these dollars may be spent outside of the selected community.

**10. How do I find the amount of the State Non-Entitlement Grants for the CPD programs?**

Some small communities are not Entitlement Grantees and thus receive funds from the State Non-Entitlement program. The proportion of the State Non-Entitlement provided to these smaller communities is not displayed in CART as the distribution of these funds is left up to the State. To view the amount of State Non-Entitlement grants for the various CPD programs a user should search for a State (ex: Maryland). Once you have searched for a State the user can then pull up the details pane for the CPD programs and view the dollar figure for the State Non-Entitlement grant for the selected State.

**11. Why does the details section show duplicate grant entries for CPD – Disaster Recovery Grants?**

For the CPD-Disaster Recovery Grants the overview panel shows the correct number of grantees and the total grant amount. However, in the details pane there are currently duplicate records - this is due to the fact that the CART application is currently showing the total grant amount by Disaster Event for each of the counties that could potentially receive a portion of the disaster funds. This issue of duplicated records will be fixed in a future release.

**12. Why doesn't my community show Public Housing Authority funding despite public housing units appearing on the map within my selected community?**

The Public Housing Authority (PHA) Operating Fund and Capital Fund are only shown for a community if the physical address of the Public Housing Authority is located within the jurisdictional boundary of the selected community. A PHA may administer public housing units or housing choice vouchers that reside within the boundary of your selected community but the Housing Authority itself may be located outside of your jurisdiction. In this situation CART will show the public housing buildings, developments and housing choice vouchers and their respective funding within your selected community, but not display the PHA Operating and Capital funding.

Conversely, if the PHA is located within your selected community it does not necessarily mean that the entire PHA's Operating and Capital Fund goes to your specific community. The PHA may be administering units that are outside your community's jurisdiction. In this case the PHA's Operating and Capital funds will appear higher than the funding for the specific public housing buildings and developments within the community.

**13. Why isn't there more detailed information on Insurance in Force and Housing Choice Voucher in CART?**

The data for the Housing Choice Voucher and Single Family Insurance in Force is shown aggregated at the census tract level rather than at the individual property level. This is to ensure that CART does not divulge personally identifiable information on the families that use HUD programs and protects their right to privacy. No physical addresses are shown for the FHA Insurance in Force or the Housing Choice Voucher program.

**14. Why doesn't my community show FHIP and FHAP funding even though I know funds are coming to my local community from the State grantee?**

The Fair Housing grant programs' (FHIP and FHAP) awards are only shown for a community if the physical address of the Fair Housing grantee is located within the jurisdictional boundary of the selected community. For FHIPs and FHAPs there are many instances where the grantee may have a much larger service area than simply the community in which it is located; however, HUD does not currently map each Fair Housing Grantee's service area. For more information on potential Fair Housing grant funds within your community please contact your local HUD Field Office.

**15. Why is there no funding information for select Housing Counseling Agencies?**

The Housing Counseling tab shows all HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies, not just those that receive HUD grants. Housing Counseling Agencies can receive grants directly from HUD or through

intermediary agencies. CART does not capture the funding for those Housing Counseling Agencies that receive funds through intermediaries.

**16. Why is some of the information in Signature Programs dated?**

The HUD Signature Programs are a compilation of special initiatives and grants that are not necessarily awarded/released on a regular basis. For example: the Sustainability Grants are a legacy program where no additional grants are being issued but the sustainability partnerships are still in play on the ground in many communities. For Choice Neighborhoods there are additional grants awarded via the NOFA process, but these tend to be provided to a limited subsection of communities. The CART application endeavors to show a complete picture of HUD's signature initiatives and thus will show grants and initiatives that were awarded in previous years as many of these initiatives are still making a difference in those communities.

**17. Why in some instances does a '-4' display in the funding for the Rental Assistance section?**

A user will see a '-4' displayed for select Rental Assistance information if the selected community has a small number of tenants receiving HUD assistance. Specifically for buildings containing 10 or fewer tenants receiving HUD assistance (public housing and other multifamily assistance), some information has been redacted to protect against an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In such a case, the small population size prevents HUD from releasing specific numbers in order to comply with HUD's obligations to protect personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act.

**18. How do I compare my selected community to State and National Census information?**

If you have selected a unit of general local government (e.g. city, township, etc) or a county you can compare the demographic data for your selected community to the state and national census information on the CART Demographics tab. Once you have entered your community into the search function simply click on the Demographics tab and the census data will be displayed not only for your community but also with comparable data at the state and national level.

Note: If you select a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or a Congressional District the Demographics tab will not tabulate your demographic information due to limitations in the way Census data is extracted and rendered in CART. We will be endeavoring to have the MSA and Congressional District demographic information included in a future release.

**19. How recent are the demographics data in CART?**

The demographic information in the CART application is from the US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year survey which is current as of 2013. The CART application will always have a small data lag for demographic information due to the timing of the ACS update in the HUD EGIS environment. HUD updates their ACS data in the late spring/summer time frame coinciding with the new entitlement grantee jurisdictions. If you are interested in more current data extracts from the American Community Survey you can look at American Fact Finder (<https://factfinder.census.gov/>) which has ACS data as of 2014.

**20. What does the term "community" mean within CART?**

Within CART the term community is defined as one of the following: a Unit of General Local Government (UGLG), a Congressional District, a County, a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), or a State. These are the five levels of geography for which a user can search for HUD investments within the CART application.

## 21. How do I export this information from the CART application?

Once you have searched for a community in the CART application a user can immediately click on the hamburger-like button in the top right hand corner of the screen to export all of CART’s data on the selected community at the click of a button. When you select the generate a report button (i.e. hamburger-like icon), the user should select if they would like to export a PDF or an Excel file and also select between the short and long form report for the community. The short form displays only the current year funding information and has a limited amount of tenant characteristics and demographics. The long form displays all information from the CART application including multi-year funding information, full tenant characteristics and comparative demographic data. Please note that the PDF export does not include any charts or graphics – these are currently only available in the Excel export.

The screenshot shows the 'Community Assessment Reporting Tool' interface for Baltimore city. The top navigation bar includes 'Advanced Search' and a search box. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'CPD Grants', 'Rental Assistance', 'Mortgage Insurance', 'Fair Housing', 'Housing Counseling', 'Signature', 'Demographics', and 'Create Map'. The main content area is divided into a map on the left and a data table on the right. The map shows a highlighted area in Baltimore with yellow markers. The data table on the right is titled 'CPD: Formula Grants' and lists various grant types with their respective funding amounts and variances. A red circle highlights the 'Short Report (Excel)' and 'Long Report (Excel)' options in the top right corner, with a red arrow pointing to them.

CPD: Formula Grants	# of 2016 Grantees	FY16 Grant Award	FY16 Grant Award	Variance
Community Development Block Grants	1	\$19,099,736	\$19,754,868	2%
HOME	1	\$3,298,456	\$3,122,000	5%
Emergency Solutions Grant	1	\$1,688,313	\$1,679,372	1%
Housing Opportunities for People w/ Aids	1	\$8,331,845	\$8,037,304	4%

COC: Competitive Grants	# of 2015 Grantees	FY15 Grant Award	FY14 Grant Award	Variance
Continuum of Care (inc Shelter + Care)	1	\$12,681,731	\$12,427,595	2%

HOMELESS: (Continuum of Care)	
Homeless in Shelters	610
Unsheltered Homeless	40
Total Homeless	650

Note: If the user selects to print the Excel Long Report, your printer will default to only print the active tab unless the user specifically requests the printer to print all tabs. In order to print the entire Excel long report please ensure you have selected to print all tabs.

## 22. How can I print the maps within the CART application?

To print the maps within the CART application the user has two options. 1) The user can press print while physically in the application and the canned map from that tab will be the first item printed in addition to HUD investment data. 2) The user can take a screenshot of the application and paste it into Microsoft Word. Once in Word the user can crop the image to have only the map displayed and print from there.

Note: We are endeavoring to have the canned maps included in the application's export functionality in a future release.

### 23. How do I make my own map using CART?

CART allows users to customize their own maps for the community they have selected. To create a map simply search for your community in the CART application and then go the final tab "Create Map". The first step will be to select a base map type such as satellite, topography or basic light grey. Then a user should select one thematic layer such as housing choice vouchers, unemployment, poverty rate, etc. In addition to the thematic layer, a user can add as many property layers as they are interested in including within their customized map. As the user selects each layer the customized map will populate.

Potential thematic layers include: housing choice voucher concentration, FHA insurance in force, unemployment rate, poverty rate, % minority, median household income, median home value, median contract rent, housing cost burden, % renter occupied housing, % extreme low income with housing cost burden, and vacancy rate. Please note the following: a user can select **only one** thematic layer since each thematic layer shows the relative concentration at the census tract level of your selected layer (I.e. voucher concentration, poverty rate, etc.) across the community.

Potential property layers include: Public Housing buildings and developments, Public Housing Authorities, FHIP and FHAP grantees, Housing Counseling agencies, Multi-Family properties (PBRA, Section 811, Section 202 & 236, Healthcare programs), and CDBG and HOME activities.

The screenshot displays the 'Community Assessment Reporting Tool' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GIS logo, the title 'Community Assessment Reporting Tool', an 'Advanced Search' button, and a search input field. Below the navigation bar, the 'Local Government' is set to 'Baltimore city'. A series of tabs includes 'CPD Grants', 'Rental Assistance', 'Mortgage Insurance', 'Fair Housing', 'Housing Counseling', 'Signature', 'Demographics', and 'Create Map'. The 'Create Map' tab is active, showing a map of Baltimore with a selected area. To the right of the map, there are several configuration sections: 'CREATE A NEW MAP' (checked), 'Map Name' (input field), 'Map Options' (Basemap: Light Gray selected, Dark Gray, Oceans, Streets, Topo, Satellite), 'Thematic Layers (choose one):' (Housing Choice Vouchers by Tract, Living below poverty level, Median Family Income, Median Rent, Families Spending Over 30% On Housing that are low-income, Active FHA Single Family Insured, Unemployed, Median Housing Price, Renters, Families Spending Over 30% On Housing, Vacant Housing), and 'Property Layers (choose one or more):' (Capital Advances, New Construction, Health Care and Hospitals, Multifamily Properties - Section 811, Community Planning & Development - CDBG Investments, Fair Housing Assistance Program, Risk Sharing, Refinancing and Improvements, Other, Multifamily Properties - PBRA, Community Planning & Development - Home, Fair Housing Initiatives Program).

### 24. Where can I go to find HUD grant opportunities in my community?

To find HUD grant opportunities in your community please go to <http://www.grants.gov>. In addition, you can download the HUD Grants app in the iTunes or Google Play app store. This app allows users to find all grants which are listed on Grants.gov for Housing & Urban Development as well as receive notifications whenever new grants are posted. The link for iTunes is as follows:

<https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/hud-grants/id1116296080?mt=8> The link for Google Play is as follows:  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.grants.hud.app>

## **25. Where can I go to find obligated funds from HUD?**

To find out obligated funds from HUD for the Community Planning & Development programs please refer to <http://Egis.hud.gov/cpdmaps>. For obligated funds in other program disciplines or for any detailed questions on obligated funds please contact your local HUD field office.

## **26. Where can I go to find rental opportunities within my community from HUD?**

To find out about potential HUD rental opportunities within your community please go to the HUD Resource Locator (<https://resources.hud.gov/>). The HUD Resource Locator provides information on affordable housing opportunities, homeless shelters and affordable and special needs housing within your selected community.

## **27. What are the programs found in CART?**

See the following programmatic descriptions of HUD programs referenced in CART. For more information on these programs, visit [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) for more information:

### **CPD Grants Tab:**

#### **Community Development Block Grants:**

The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

#### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):**

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. It is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.

#### **Emergency Solutions Grant:**

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds can be used to provide a wide range of services and supports under the five program components: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, and HMIS.

#### **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA):**

The Housing Opportunities Program provides housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Administered by the Department of Community Affairs, HOPWA enables eligible persons with HIV/AIDS and their families to secure

decent safe and sanitary housing in the private rental market by subsidizing a portion of the household's monthly rent.

**Section 108:**

CDBG entitlement communities are eligible to apply for assistance through the section 108 loan guarantee program. CDBG non-entitlement communities may also apply, provided their State agrees to pledge the CDBG funds necessary to secure the loan. Applicants may receive a loan guarantee directly or designate another public entity, such as an industrial development authority, to carry out their Section 108 assisted project.

**Disaster Recover Grants:**

HUD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations.

**Continuum of Care:**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

**Point-in-Time Count:**

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Continuums of Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year (odd numbered years). Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

**Rental Assistance Tab**

**Project Based Rental Assistance:**

Project-based housing is a category of federally assisted housing produced through a public-private partnership to build and maintain affordable rental housing for low income households. HUD has provided private owners of multifamily housing either a long-term project-based rental assistance contract, a subsidized mortgage, or in some cases both, to make units affordable. Project-based assistance is fixed to a property.

**Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities:**

Through the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, HUD provides funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.

For a more complete list of Multifamily Programs, [visit here](#).

**Public Housing Authority Operating Fund:**

The Public Housing Operating Fund program supports the operation of public housing, contributing to the long-term viability and preservation of the portfolio. The program also allows communities to consider their local priorities for serving housing needs, by establishing preferences for the elderly, disabled, homeless veterans, homeless persons generally, as well as the working poor. Operating Fund eligibility for PHAs is determined based on a formula.

**Public Housing Authority Capital Fund:**

The Capital Fund provides funds, annually, to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for the development, financing, and modernization of public housing developments and for management improvements.

**Public Housing Low-Rent Properties:**

Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single family houses to high-rise apartments for elderly families.

**Housing Choice Vouchers:**

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

**Mortgage Insurance Tab**

For a complete list of Multifamily Insured Programs [visit here](#).

For a complete list of Single Family Programs [visit here](#).

**Fair Housing Tab**

**Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP):**

HUD provides FHAP funding annually on a noncompetitive basis to state and local agencies that enforce fair housing laws that HUD has determined to be substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act. These agencies investigate and enforce complaints of housing discrimination that arise within their jurisdiction.

**Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP):**

Fair housing organizations and other non-profits that receive funding through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) assist people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination. FHIP organizations partner with HUD to help people identify government agencies that handle complaints of housing discrimination.

**Housing Counseling Tab:****Housing Counseling Agency:**

HUD sponsors housing counseling agencies throughout the country that can provide advice on buying a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures, and credit issues.

**Signature Tab:****Sustainability Grants:**

The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning (SCRIP) Grant Program supports locally-led collaborative efforts that bring together diverse interests from the many municipalities in a region to determine how best to target housing, economic and workforce development, and infrastructure investments to create more jobs and regional economic activity. The Program places a priority on investing in partnerships, including nontraditional partnerships (e.g., arts and culture, recreation, public health, food systems, regional planning agencies and public education entities) that translate the **Six Livability Principles** into strategies that direct long-term development and reinvestment, demonstrate a commitment to addressing issues of regional significance, use data to set and monitor progress toward performance goals, and engage stakeholders and residents in meaningful decision-making roles.

**Community Challenge Grant:**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's \$28 million Community Challenge Planning Grant Program fosters reform and reduces barriers to achieving affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities. Such efforts may include amending or replacing local master plans, zoning codes, and building codes, either on a jurisdiction-wide basis or in a specific neighborhood, district, corridor, or sector to promote mixed-use development, affordable housing, the reuse of older buildings and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with the goal of promoting sustainability at the local or neighborhood level.

**Choice Neighborhoods**

The Choice Neighborhoods program supports locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program is

designed to catalyze critical improvements in neighborhood assets, including vacant property, housing, services and schools.

### **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)**

The Rental Assistance Demonstration was created in order to give public housing authorities (PHAs) a powerful tool to preserve and improve public housing properties and address the \$26 billion dollar nationwide backlog of deferred maintenance. RAD also gives owners of three HUD "legacy" program (Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payment, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation) the opportunity to enter into long-term contracts that facilitate the financing of improvements.

### **Promise Zones**

Promise Zones are high poverty communities where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, reduce violent crime, enhance public health and address other priorities identified by the community.

### **Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2)**

The SC2 concept was developed through engagement with mayors, members of Congress, foundations, non-profits and other community partners who are committed to addressing the challenges of local governments. SC2 and its partners are working together to coordinate federal programs and investments to spark economic growth in distressed areas and create stronger cooperation between community organizations, local leadership, and the federal government.