



**The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation  
Adult Autism Public Policy Agenda**

# **Policy Steps Toward Obtaining Affordable and Supportive Housing for Adults with Autism, Intellectual, and/ or Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)**

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Access to affordable housing for adults diagnosed with autism, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities can be addressed by creating a program in HUD whose purpose would be to provide housing and supportive amenities for neurodiverse adults. The program can be called the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Autism and Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (HOPAIDD).



## **Generate excitement and awareness**

through the completion of market demand studies that capture data on the number of individuals who need and want affordable housing and support amenities enabling them to live in their own home.



## **Build legislative support**

for the creation of HOPAIDD program.

This program can be divided into two categories:

1. Housing vouchers for persons diagnosed with autism, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities.
2. Competitive grants that can be awarded to states, nonprofit organizations, or property developers who commit to developing, rehabilitating, or maintaining affordable housing and providing innovative solutions to create supportive amenities for adults with ASD and I/DD.



## **Educate policymakers**

on the proposal to create HOPAIDD and identify legislators who will introduce and work toward passage of this legislation.



## **Educate housing developers and public policymakers**

on the need for affordable housing with supportive amenities for neurodiverse adults.



## **Educate self-advocates and families**

on how to engage and navigate the process of creating these opportunities.



## **Use the existing housing policy structures,**

like QAPs, to add points to development proposals that address the unique needs of this population.



## **Amend Fair Housing Acts at state level**

to include sources of income and housing vouchers as protected categories for which discrimination is prohibited (Oliveri, 2019). States can also pass statewide source of income protection laws that specifically include housing vouchers and SSI.