

# Feds eye private sector as tool to offset housing cuts

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson said Wednesday he expects to release a policy agenda within the next few months that delivers “bang for the buck,” partly by encouraging more private-sector collaboration.

In an interview with the *Associated Press*, Carson said he expects to advance public-private partnerships, extending low-income housing tax credits and providing more opportunities for public-housing residents to get jobs at the buildings where they live.

“The biggest tools are the partnerships – public, private, nonprofit and faith community partnerships – which allow us to leverage those federal dollars, anywhere from 2, 3, 4, 5 to 20-to-1,” Carson said.

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