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**Subject:** How CVH organizing has helped enforcement...

**Issues:** Coalition building – Public Housing Roundtable (aka The Roundtable) – this coalition initially only had at the table groups that were doing work around public housing. Three years ago it was expanded to include groups doing work on Section 8 and other low income housing groups.

**Participatory Budgeting in NYCHA-** A democratic option that would allow residents to decide where funds get allocated within their development which enhances civic engagement, accountability and a broader understanding of the difficulty of budgets. It provides a forum for education and leadership opportunities.

**Successes:** The Roundtable sent a letter to HUD to get information regarding a payment in which NYCHA makes to the NYPD of \$76 million. HUD in turn wrote that the issue of the payments was a local issue that HUD did not have say so over but they did state that since NYCHA was using HUD funds, those funds paid to the NYPD, both past and present were subject to Section 3.

**Current update:** the Roundtable has now expanded and created the Alliance which is the currently the groups seated on the roundtable and 27 elected officials.

**Guiding Questions:**

Can local politicians have an impact on federal regulations?

What or who allows NYCHA to make payments to the NYPD?

If it is a local issue using Federal Money that is Subject to Section 3 who is monitoring this process?

What are the various sources of funding that can be used for a Pilot of Participatory Budgeting?

- A- Tenant Participation Activity Funds
- B- Community Development Block Grants
- C- Capital Funds
- D- Administrative Funds
- E- All of the above