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Creating an Economy That Works for All

Our September focus: Our upcoming public events on topics ranging from baby bonds to neighborhood climate investments. Read our [event calendar](#) for more.



HEALTH – LATER TODAY: Join us for “[Creating 21st Century Capital Markets for Better Social Outcomes: Transformative Change in Health Equity Through Debt Financing](#),” an event at 3 PM EDT today on how bond financing could be used to transform investments in preventative public health.

Read a [Q&A](#) with featured speaker Nathaniel Counts here. Registration to attend virtually is [still open](#).



Ideas: [Brookings](#) reports that pandemic policies kept the national level of food insecurity steady on an annual basis, from 2019 to 2020. One of those policies is Pandemic EBT, a social insurance program in which families receive benefits on a debit card to buy food at most grocery stores. Many children depend on free meals in school, making summer a time when childhood hunger gets worse. For 2022, summer months counted as school closures under the program and all states could apply to provide eligible children with Pandemic EBT. Brookings concluded that a permanent program with similar aid has potential to help ensure all children get enough to eat in the summer.



CLIMATE—JOIN US: On September 20 for “[Climate Investing Toward Healthy, Inclusive Neighborhoods](#),” an in-person only event hosted in partnership with ImpactAssets, the U.S. Impact Investing Alliance, and Uplink, an initiative of the World Economic Forum. Learn more [here](#).



Actions: Renewable energy is set for an unprecedented boom in the U.S. following passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, [The Guardian](#) reports. Capacity of solar and wind projects is expected to double by the end of the decade, growing to the point where the two sources provide most of the nation’s electricity supply, the outlet notes.



HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL WELL BEING — JOIN US: On September 27, we’re hosting “[Exploring Baby Bonds as a Tool to Improve Economic Security](#),” an in-person only event on the intersection of baby bonds with health, wealth, housing, and education.

Featured speakers include Connecticut State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden and Dr. Darrick Hamilton, founding director of the Institute on Race, Power and Political Economy at The New School.

And on September 29, join us for “[The Role of FinTech in Unsecured Consumer Lending to Low- and Moderate-Income Individuals](#).” At this virtual-only event, FinTech lenders, researchers, regulators, and policymakers will explore existing and emerging models of unsecured FinTech consumer lending aimed at low- and moderate-income people, and cover the challenges and opportunities these models present. Learn more [here](#).

The New York Fed's Community Development unit works with community leaders to understand community needs and with capital providers to foster economic opportunities. We are searching for ideas that can tear down barriers to economic mobility for low- and moderate-income people; our focus is on the economic drivers of health, household financial well-being, and climate-related risks. Our goal is to elevate those ideas and connect them with funding. To see our [past newsletters](#), [events calendar](#), and learn more, visit our [website](#).

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