

Shaun Donovan – Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Shaun Donovan was born in 1966. He received a bachelor's and master's degree from Harvard University.

Following his education, Donovan worked for the Community Preservation Corporation, a non-profit lender and developer of affordable housing properties. He has also worked at Harvard University and New York University, researching the production of affordable housing units and the preservation of federally assisted housing.

During the Clinton administration, Donovan worked at HUD as deputy assistant secretary for multifamily housing and later served as acting federal housing commissioner. While there, he oversaw housing programs that provided over \$9 billion to 1.7 million families.

For three years after his initial HUD tenure, Donovan was managing director at Prudential Mortgage Capital Company, where he was in charge of its portfolio of investments in affordable housing loans.

In 2004, Donovan was chosen by Mayor Mike Bloomberg to lead New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). As commissioner of HPD, he worked to implement a plan to build and preserve 165,000 units of affordable housing for 500,000 New Yorkers, the largest affordable housing plan in the nation. As of September 2008, 82,500 units had been funded.

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