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APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WASHINGTON - Each April, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses Fair Housing Month to mark the passage of the 1968 **Fair Housing Act**, the landmark law passed shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and family status. This year's Fair Housing Month theme is

"Fair Housing is Your Right: Use It!"

"This month is an opportunity to recommit to the principle that fair housing is an essential part of everything we do; every grant we make; every building we build; and every community we work with," said **HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan**. "And we will go to the mat in order to ensure the right of every American to fair housing. Although the times have changed - our commitment to this work remains as strong as ever. It is at the core of our mission."

Each year, HUD and communities and organizations across the country recognize Fair Housing Month by hosting an array of activities that enhance the public's awareness of their fair housing rights and promote the nation's commitment to end housing discrimination.

In addition to the legal protections provided under the Fair Housing Act prohibiting housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and family status, approximately 20 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 150 cities, towns and

counties across the nation also prohibit discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals and families. In 2012, HUD published new regulations to ensure that the Department's core housing programs are open to all eligible persons, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. In addition, 12 states and the District of Columbia, as well as several counties and municipalities protect persons against housing discrimination based on their source of



"Fair Housing Month is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on just how far we've come to make our housing more equitable and how far we still have to go to end housing discrimination," said **HUD Acting FHEO Assistant Secretary Bryan Greene**. "Fair housing is about giving people the opportunity to pursue their dreams and whenever this opportunity is denied, not only do families lose, our entire nation loses." □

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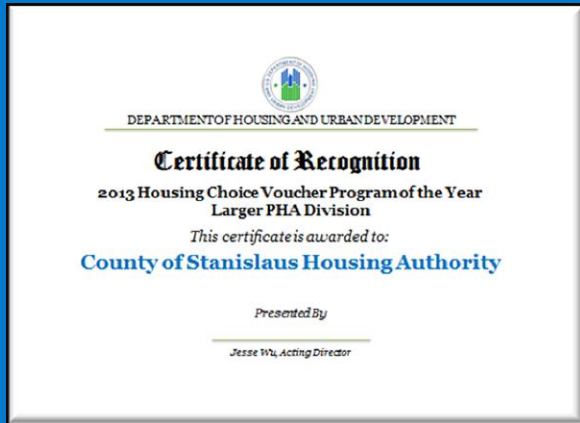
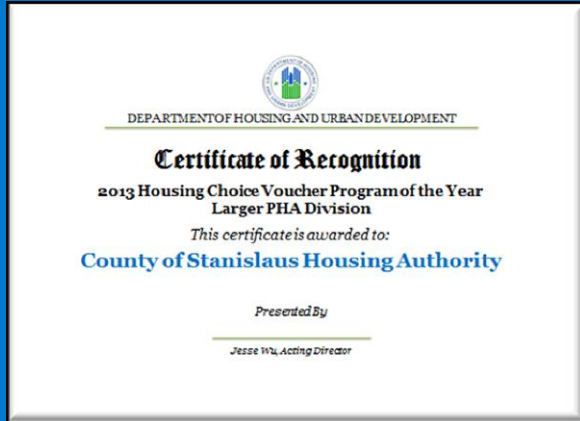
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
HUD ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOUSING AND SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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NAHRO CONFERENCE 2014

HUD AWARDS



SUCCESS STORY...

2 Haciendas Place, Salinas CA

~ 46-unit multi-family housing



"We dedicate it (2 Haciendas Place) to the American dream of giving our children a better life."



Prominent officials from various government agencies including Melina Whitehead from HUD, (left to right) with former Secretary Leon Panetta, Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter and UCSF Professor Fernando Torres-Gil share a moment of conviviality.

\$18 Million 46 Multifamily Affordable Housing Complex

On January 31, 2014, **Monterey Housing Authority** and its affiliate - **Housing Development Consulting Corporation** celebrated the grant opening of 2 Haciendas Place. 2 Haciendas Place is the second of a multi-phase project to replace the deteriorated public housing units that previously stood on that site.

The newly constructed 46-unit multi-family housing development received **HOME** funds and **Project Based Rental Assistance**. The project targets families with incomes between 30, 40, 50 and 60 percent of average median income (AMI). Eleven of the 46 units are **rental project-based voucher assisted**. The project developed with the environment in mind has solar energy which should offset 50 percent of tenants' energy use, and there are low flow water fixtures and tank less hot water heaters.

The newly constructed 2.5 acre project includes a Community Building that will be used to provide services for the residents. The Community Building is named after past resident, **Ms. Maria J. Torres-Gil**. **Ms. Torres-Gil** lived in the old Public Housing Development. During that time, she raised her nine children in Unit 39. **Ms. Torres-Gil** was one of the founding members of the Monterey County Housing Advisory Committee and a local activist. Her oldest son, **Professor Fernando Torres-Gil**, is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, at UCLA.

Prominent members of the community spoke at the dedication including **Leo Panetta**, 23rd Secretary of Defense and previously Head of CIA who stated, "What we're dedicating today will give 46 families... [and their children] the chance to succeed," Other speakers at the event included; **Joe Gunter**, Mayor City of Salinas; **Eduardo Ochoa**, President of California State University, Monterey Bay; **Alec Arago**, District Director for Congressman Sam Far and many others. **Melina Whitehead**, Public Housing Division Director, represented HUD at this event. □

SHARING SUCCESS . . .

Oakland Housing Authority

Sponsor Based Housing Assistance

In 2010 the Oakland Housing Authority created a Moving to Work (MTW) Local Housing program using a Sponsor Based Housing Assistance Program (SBHAP) model to serve low income clients who otherwise might not qualify or be successful in either the Public Housing or Section 8 programs. The goal of this new MTW initiative is to assist a population

of hard-to-house clients with special needs by leveraging additional funding and program expertise in the community. In order to meet these goals, The Authority established a partnership with the City of Oakland's Department of Human Services and the Permanent Access to Housing (PATH) Strategy to end homelessness. The agreement with the City of Oakland provides up to



Success story! Formerly homeless couple expresses their appreciation for their new home at a Grand Opening event.

\$1,500,000 in funding to provide rental housing assistance to between 125 – 144 households who are also receiving services from providers

working under contract with the City's Department of Human Services. Of those served under the SBHAP agreement, 45 – 56 come from homeless encampments and 40 - 43 are exiting the criminal justice system, including 20 - 25 youth.

OHA funding through SBHAP covers the direct housing subsidy costs, security deposits, monthly utility payments, repairs and cleaning, vacancy losses on master leased units and housing locator assistance. Providers work under contract with the City and are entitled to a 10% administrative fee. All funds received by the City under the agreement are pass-through to the providers. The City does not receive any direct funding for the program and is not authorized to charge the Authority for any of its costs associated with the administration of this agreement.

Under SBHAP, program eligibility was streamlined to best meet the needs of the target populations while maintaining program integrity. Households receiving assistance through the program pay no more than 30% of their income towards rent and must meet the same income limits as the Section 8 program.



This is what success looks like.

Households are prohibited member has a conviction for the production or manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing or is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program. In addition, the household must meet OHA's immigration eligibility requirements. All housing units subsidized through the program must meet the Housing Quality Standards (HQS). OHA conducts all HQS inspections for the program.

The City of Oakland currently leverages social services funding of \$1,600,000 with Authority funds to administer the program using four providers.

Abode Housing provides housing placement assistance to up to 124 adults in the program.

The First Place Fund for Youth provides housing placement and ongoing services for the 20 - 25 youth coming out of the criminal justice system.



Welcome to my home.

Lifelong Medical provides on-going services for the homeless coming from the encampments while services for the adult re-entry population are provided by **Volunteers of America**.



Make your life a house your heart can live in. With a door that is open to receive friends and a garden full of memories of many good things.

~Anonymous

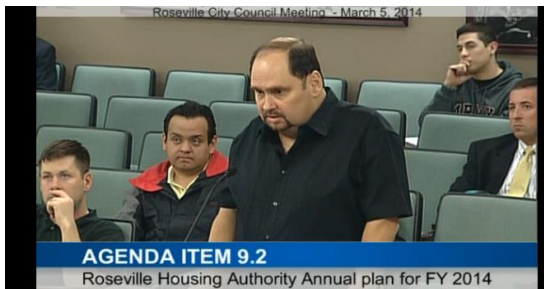
A SUCCESS STORY OF GENERATIONS . . .

Roseville Housing Authority

Thank you all; thank you everyone!

This is Roy's story. He is currently in escrow to purchase a home in the City of Roseville with assistance from the City's First Time Homebuyer Program.

Roy is Roy Chirigotis a 5 year participant of the Housing Choice Voucher program and the Family Self Sufficiency Program. Mr. Chirigotis is a long time resident of Roseville and a family man who recently took the opportunity to tell the Roseville City Council how appreciative he was that these programs exist. He also stated that the Authority's staff played an important role in his success.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-mKq0GgI0o&feature=player_embedded

Roy encouraged the Council to continue its support of the Authority by sharing his success story.

Roy is from a large single parent family. He is married and the father of three children and employed as a waiter. Like many, he found the local economy difficult and it was a major effort to stay on sound financial ground but he was willing to do whatever it takes to provide for his family.

Roy was keen on creating a stable environment for himself and his family. He was also concerned that as a parent, he was a role model for his children. He was looking to the future and wanted each child to be successful and their children as well. Roy defined success for his children as the ability to be independent and a contributing member of society. To achieve that kind of success, he must provide an opportunity for his children to get a good education. Through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, he was able to live in a community that fostered good schools. Roy was proud to tell me that his oldest daughter is currently attending college. His younger daughter is doing well in school,

and his young son, a child with Downs Syndrome, is making excellent progress.

While interviewing Roy, he repeatedly stated that his wife, Mary, was an integral part in this success story. "Whenever I was down, she was there to keep my spirits up."

The other part of the support team is the Roseville HA. Roy stated that all he ever wanted was a hand up; not a hand out. The Roseville HA took him at his word. "I am in awe of everything that they did for me," he stated. "They treated me with dignity and respect and through their efforts instilled confidence in me."

Three of the team are shown below.



Esther Zamarripa, Lisa Gil, and Trisha Isom

Esther, Lisa, and Trisha helped Roy navigate through the programs by providing him with the tools he needed to achieve his goal of becoming a homeowner. He needed to know what he must do to qualify. First, he worked on his credit rating. Next, he learned how to manage the family budget & set aside monies for a down payment. He increased his financial knowledge, developed negotiating skills, and the myriad other skills required to put the family on a sound financial basis to qualify for a home loan.

Roy feels confident in expressing his plans for the future. He stated that he would like to buy another house and rent it. Asked if, as a property owner, he would participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program? He said without hesitation, "Of course!" The Authority annually inspects the house to ensure it is up to the standards required by HUD which is good for the renter and the property owner."

And there is a happy ending . . . Roy *is now* a homeowner!

(I believe that Roy has fulfilled his goals of creating an environment of achievement and success for himself and his family . . . and his family's family. ~ Editor) □

ENTERPRISE INCOME VERIFICATION (EIV)

Portability Issues to be discussed.

On May 6 at the PSWRC-NAHRO Annual Conference, in Burlingame, HUD **Regional Administrator Ophelia Basgal** will discuss HUD's perspective on portability and the March 2012 draft portability regulations. Three public housing authorities will present their best practices in dealing with the portability. A roundtable discussion of these practices will follow. The focus

of which is to lead to possible agreements among PHA as to how to handle certain portability aspects going forward.

Moderator: Beth Campbell, Contra Costa County HA

Panelists: Ophelia Basgal, HUD; Mary Rizzo, Shuman, Alameda County HA; Bruce Smargiasso, CCC HA; Leslie Gleason, City of Alameda HA □

The following information is provided by **Martha Murillo**, Subject Matter Expert in EIV, PIH, Los Angeles Office



PHA EIV User Administrators!

EIV user certification is due by April 29, 2014 by 11:59 pm EDT. Failure to certify users will result in termination of EIV access at 12:00AM, EDT **April 30, 2014.**

PHA User Administrators – you are required to certify all EIV users at your PHA.

Please e-mail Carroll.J.Lorbett@hud.gov if you need assistance with PIH EIV user certification process. PHA User Administrators will be certified by the San Francisco Office of Public Housing.

REMINDER: Effective April 30, 2012, EIV access requests and approval will be totally automated – NO MORE PAPER FORMS! All PIH EIV system users are reminded that effective April 30, 2012, completion and submission of the form HUD-52676 is **no longer required**. Retain previously completed forms for a period of three (3) from the date the form was signed. **PHA User Administrators are responsible for assigning EIV roles within EIV's User Administration for approval by the EIV Coordinator in the local HUD office.**

Security Awareness Training



All EIV system users are required to complete annual security awareness training.

Free Annual Security Awareness training is available online at: <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/index.html#onlinetraining>. Click on the Cyber Awareness Challenge (for DoD and Federal Personnel) icon or link and then click on the Launch CyberAwareness Challenge Federal Version link to begin and complete the training. It should be the 2013 version.

This training is not owned by HUD, therefore all inquiries or assistance with this training must be obtained online by clicking on the Troubleshooting Guide link.

EIV DEBTS OWED & TERMINATION MODULE –REINSTATEMENT OF DELETED RECORDS

Effective with the May 6, 2013 EIV 9.5 Release, **HUD automatically deletes 50058 records in the Debts Owed/Termination module if the EOP dates are more than 60 days old.** As a result, when a PHA User attempts to records Debts Owed amounts or termination information for these expired records, the EIV Debts Owed/Termination module delivers the following message:

“You are not authorized to enter/update information for the SSN entered”

The “not authorized” response is not an EIV error. It is an EIV system functionality change for the Debts Owed/Termination module.

When PHA Users are not allowed to enter a record or records in the Debts Owed module, **a check on the EOP date will help them figure out that it’s not an error but a System Functionality.**

Although PHA Users are not able to access deleted records, the records still reside in the EIV system. They are identified as “HUD Deleted Records”.

To access the records, PHA Users will need to request that a REAC-EIV System Administrator reinstate the deleted EOP(s).

The process for requesting reinstatement of HUD Deleted Records is as follows:

PHA Users prepares a request for reinstatement that includes: (i) number of records to be reinstated, (ii) EOP date of each record and, (iii) SSN for each Head of Household.

PHA User submits the request to its local HUD Field Office EIV Coordinator.

Local HUD Field Office reviews the request and submits the request with the Field Office recommendation to EIV Help Mailbox.

REAC-EIV System Administrator will review the request and make a decision whether to reinstate all or some of the deleted records.

REAC-EIV System Administrator will convey its decision to the local HUD Field Office and Local HUD Field Office will convey the decision to the requesting PHA User.

Reinstatement of deleted records will consist of moving the 50058 records back into the Debts Owed/Termination Module and enabling the requesting PHA User to access the records and enter the Debts Owed/Termination information.

It is important for PHA Users to record the information shortly after the REAC-EIV System Administrator makes them available in order to prevent the records from being automatically deleted again.



EIV TRAINING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9 AT THE SAN JOAQUIN HA

Two exceptional individuals who have been willing to assist me in training PHA EIV users on the EIV system will again be presenting. Thank you **Beth Campbell of the HA of Contra Costa County** and **Kara Maguire of the HA of the County of San Joaquin** for stepping forward to provide EIV training for the HA EIV Users. And thank you to their Executive Directors, **Joseph Villarreal and Barbara Kauss** for **allowing their participation in this effort.** *I really do believe the Public Housing community is a supportive and caring community!*

The three of us will be providing training at the San Joaquin HA on May 9. Space is limited. Please call me at (415) 489-6433 or e-mail at Carroll.J.Lorbett@hud.gov if you wish to attend. We hope to put on training in the northern part of state later this year. If your housing authority is willing to host EIV training, please contact me. Thank you! Carroll Lorbett, EIV Field Office Coordinator, San Francisco Office of Public Housing



RESIDENT'S CORNER | BATTERY RECYCLING

As our everyday tools become smaller, the world increasingly runs on batteries. But what do you do with these batteries after your gadget has drained all their power? Don't reach for your trash can, batteries need recycling or proper disposal.

Why Batteries Need Special Disposal

Batteries are powered by the reaction between heavy metals and chemical electrolytes. When thrown away, improperly, heavy metals, such as mercury, lead, and nickel can leach into their surroundings and contaminate the environment.

Battery Recycling Methods• Single use batteries, like those used in television remotes and children's toys, contain alkaline or carbon zinc. These should be thrown away through your local hazardous waste disposal.

- Round, "button-cell" batteries, like those in watches, often contain valuable materials like lithium and are best recycled.
- Rechargeable batteries also often contain the valuable metals nickel and cadmium. The latter metal used in making electronics—especially televisions. Thanks to a law from congress, it's easy to tell if these batteries should be recycled: just look for the recycling symbol with the three arrows. If it's there, find a battery recycling program near you; if it's not, treat them like alkaline batteries and throw them out with the hazardous waste

How to Find Recycling Centers

The EPA recommends using the website, Earth911, as a resource. Their Recycling Center Search can help to find out where to dispose of batteries at stores, kiosks, or organizations in your area.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Track Utility Consumption with EPA's Portfolio Manager

Did you know that property managers can save 2-10% of their energy costs, per year, just through better energy management? Many property managers, including PHAs, are beginning to see the value in tracking and managing their utility consumption, and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Portfolio Manager can help.

Portfolio Manager is a free web-based tool that allows property managers to track the energy and water consumption of buildings in their portfolio. After simply entering their utility consumption, costs and a few other details, users can start comparing weather-normalized energy use and water use from month-to-month, year-to-year, or across the buildings in their portfolio. Some utility companies have also partnered with Portfolio Manager; where this has occurred, the tool will automatically populate utility data upon request. Portfolio Manager can also automatically generate charts and graphs that can help you more easily see trends and identify outliers.

With this information, PHAs can set reduction targets, spot potential problem areas, target investments, and see the effectiveness of improvements. Users can start reducing energy consumption without large investments or Energy Performance Contracts—there are many low or no cost investments that can be implemented to capture savings, which can then lead to greater investments and greater savings.

EPA's Portfolio Manager website has a wealth of information and tools to help you get started, including start up guides, webinars, and tips on how property managers can reduce utility consumption and generate cost savings. Want to get started?

Visit the [Energy Star Benchmarking Starter Kit](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager/get-started-benchmarking?c=evaluate_performance.bus_portfoliomanager_benchmarking).
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The Energy Performance Information Center (EPIC)

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/capfund/epic

(NEW) Change in EPIC Reporting Frequency In order to provide PHAs with some administrative relief, starting October 1, 2013, PHAs will only be required to report on planned/completed Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMS) in the Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC) system ANNUALLY. Under the revised system, PHAs would report at the end of their fiscal year rather than each quarter, as follows:

Calendar Year Quarter	Federal Fiscal Year	PHAS Required to Report	Reporting Period
1	2	Fiscal year ending March 31	April 1 - April 30
2	3	Fiscal year ending June 30	July 1 - July 31
3	4	Fiscal year ending September 30	October 1 - October 31
4	1	Fiscal year ending December 31	January 1 - January 31

****From April 1– April 30, PHA's whose Fiscal Year ends March 31 are required to report on EEMs in EPIC****

***Reminder:** EPIC reports are cumulative. For example, if a PHA installs 10 Energy Star refrigerators in the first quarter in which it is reporting on a grant, it would report that in the Q1 report – if it then installs 5 more Energy Star refrigerators in the next quarter, it is to report 15 in the next quarter's report, not 5.

What is EPIC? The Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC) is a program designed to collect summary capital fund grant activity and energy efficiency measures (EEM) – planned and completed - being implemented with PIH Capital Fund Formula or RHF grants. It is similar in appearance and functionality to the RAMPS program which was used to collect EEM for ARRA grants.

Reporting in EPIC PHAs are required to report their activities in EPIC on a quarterly basis after the conclusion of each quarter. PHAs must submit a report for **all open Formula and RHF grants**.

Reporting will occur on a quarterly basis according to the chart below and reports for each quarter must be completed by the last day of the Reporting Period.

Calendar Year Quarter	Federal Fiscal Year	Reporting Period
1	2	April 1 - April 30
2	3	July 1 - July 31
3	4	October 1 - October 31
4	1	January 1 - January 31

IMPORTANT: EPIC is collecting summary capital fund grant activity and EEM activity - planned and completed- after the beginning of Federal Fiscal Year 2012. Therefore, any EEM work completed prior to October 1, 2011 should not be reported on in EPIC.

Accessing EPIC

EPIC can be found at: http://portal.hud.gov/app_epic. Please add this to your Favorites in your web browser for easy future access.

EPICHelp@hud.gov In your help request, please include your M number, your full name, your office telephone number, and your PHA code. Additionally, the EPIC login page provides additional information about what to do and who to contact if you encounter problems logging into the system.

IMS/PIC Corner

Please contact your Public Housing Revitalization Specialist (PHRS) assigned to your housing authority for help.

PHRSs are your first-line point-of-contact for any PIC issues.



Paint yourself into a corner?

AVOIDING POSSIBLE CODING ERRORS

(UNDER)Reporting Homelessness in IMS/PIC

The HUD Form 50058 module in the IMS/PIC data system allows HUD to obtain information about participants in the Public Housing and HCV programs, including the homeless status of persons entering the program. The accuracy and reliability of this information is critical to tracking the collective progress in ending homelessness.

Based on a review of PIC reporting on 4C (homeless at admission), many **PHAs are not reporting in this field accurately, or are reporting “no” for all applicants, whether homeless or not.** For all new admissions, PHAs must determine whether an individual or family was homeless at admissions. This information **must** be reported at question 4C on HUD Form 50058. PHAs may need to verify that their IMS/PIC software is compliant with this reporting requirement. The definition of Homeless for the purpose of completing question 4C is found in **NOTICE PIH 2013-15 (HA) item 5.** This section provides guidance on how to determine whether an applicant is homeless at the time of admission, including questions that a PHA may ask an applicant in order to determine their homelessness status. For additional information on the Form 50058, please see the Form HUD 50058 Instruction Booklet at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=50058i.pdf> □

PIH Notice 2013-18 (Revised Policies and Procedures for Special Purpose Housing Choice Vouchers for Non-Elderly Disabled Families and Other Populations) provides that a family that meets the definition of a NED family could be coded as such on the 50058 in order for the PHA to reach its baseline of required NED families. However, once the baseline is established, the PHA must not recode existing participant families as NED when there is turnover. That same section also states that in regard to monitoring leasing through PIC, it will ensure that upon turnover, NED vouchers are issued to other NED families. □

PIH-REAC Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

The TAC serves as the primary point of contact for PIH program and business area inquiries.

PIH REAC TAC: Monday through Friday, 7:00am - 8:30pm EST, Phone: 1-888-245-4860

- **Press 1** - Disaster Assistance
- **Press 2** - **WASS Secure Systems Problems (Password Resets, BPRs, AKCs)**
- **Press 3** - For Inspectors Only
- **Press 4** - **PIH/PIC Program Requests**
- **Press 5** - Public Housing Requests (Financial, Management Certifications, Resident Issues)
- **Press 6** - Housing Multifamily Requests (Physical Inspection and Financial Issues)

When calling choose the best option for your request, be logged into the REAC system, be ready to share: your ID number ; PHA Code; TIN number; FHA number; FYE; error message and any other specific information needed to answer your inquiry.

WHAT IS PII?

Matthew Steen, HUD, IMS-PIC Operations Manager, Privacy Liaison Officer



This is a really good time to refresh our memories about being good stewards of privacy act information (aka PII or personally identifiable information).

Housing Authorities (HAs) had a responsibility to collect this information under the privacy act and submit that information to HUD securely. They also have a responsibility to store this information safely and securely at their agency (whether on paper or electronically).

We (HUD) have the responsibility to store that information securely and share it internally with other systems and share it appropriately with the SSA and the DOL to find and eliminate fraud and waste. Our own internal security about PII in PIC is why PIH agreed with the OIG in an information security audit a few years ago to mask PII for all HUD staff except for the 2 people per office that were granted the ability to view unmasked data. Any hard copies of PII must be securely stored and then securely saved or destroyed. My rule has always been – would I want my information out on a screen or desktop? If not, then I shouldn't do this to an assisted tenant either.

With all of that being said, we do need to share information with our HA clients to analyze and fix problems. The issue is to strike the balance between getting enough information to identify and fix the problem without violating the terms of the Privacy Act of 1974.

Earlier today an HA sent copies of 50058 error reports to a FO seeking assistance. Full names and SSNs were visible. This was wrong. Our HA partners and we should not ever send anything like this either on paper or electronically. A name by its self is OK, a SSN by its self is OK, but when a couple of the major pieces of the puzzle are together (as in this case the full unmasked name and full unmasked SSN) we have violated that family's rights in exposing their information to possible misuse or fraud.

If a client or coworker needs to analyze and fix a problem with an assisted tenant's information, they should use as little information as is possible. Here would be some methods to do this:

- SSN only – “123-45-6789” (an SSN is just a bunch unless a name is attached to it)
- Name only – “Matt Steen” in my HCV program is allowable
- Partial name and other PIC info – “M Steen in AMP 3, unit 1234” is also ok.
- Form 50058 submission ticket number, record number or name – “Upload Ticket 1234567, tenant Steen”
- Avoid combining parts of the “Big Three” – the SSN, the full name, and the Date of Birth.
- For all but our very biggest HAs, last name and last 4 of SSN is more than enough – “M Steen – xxx-xx-1234”
- If all the pieces are really needed, put the information in a file and save it using encryption. Call the recipient and tell them the password to unencrypt the data.

Check out **HUD Notice PIH 2010-15** and in particular section 3 - **Guidance on Protecting Sensitive Privacy Information**. A new notice is in the HQ concurrence process that will be shared in the coming months that replaces and strengthens this notice. We all need to be careful.

Also, remember that in our 50058 Viewer we only need one piece of the information from an HA to find a tenant. From the screen below I can enter an SSN, I can enter a last name, I can enter a first name, or I can mix and match parts of names (like all last names that start “STE”). I don't need everything to search viewer.

Finally, I'm inventing the “**Steen PII Corollary to Golden Rule**” – *if you wouldn't want your PII being floated insecurely by another person or agency, then don't do it yourself to an assisted client*. Feel free to share with coworkers and/or our HA partners. ☐

PSWRC-NAHRO’s Annual Spring Conference

<http://pswrc-nahro.org/asp/admin/getFile.asp?RID=15&TID=14&FN=EventPDF>

Making RAD Work – HUD’S Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program is a tool designed to help PHAs address the need for long-deferred capital improvements by leveraging private financing. This workshop will explore how several California PHAs are using RAD to revitalize their older public housing in some cases by also combining another tool: Section 18 Public Housing Disposition Tenant Protection Vouchers. Panelists will describe RAD and Section 18 approaches currently underway in Fresno, San Francisco, and Santa Barbara before turning to a discussion of the broader policy implications and issues for PSWRC PHAs.

Moderator: Becky Craigo, Fresno HA
 Panelists: Matt Schwartz, CHPC; Rob Fredericks, Santa Barbara HA, Preston Prince, Fresno HA

Ms. Basgal gave a presentation on HUD’s budget status and the newly promoted Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. That program provides new funding opportunities for capital investment in public housing. RAD allows proven financing tools to be applied to at-risk public and assisted housing.



Regional Administrator Ophelia Basgal Speaks at National Public Housing Conference in San Diego and Meets with Local Officials

Rental Assistance Demonstration at Public Housing Authorities Directors Association Conference

HUD Regional Administrator Ophelia Basgal was a speaker at the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (**PHADA**) in San Diego. The three-day national conference provided attendees with information-packed workshops, training sessions, keynote speakers and breakout sessions.”

These photos are attendees of the PHADA conference speaking with Regional Administrator Basgal for more information on RAD. Obviously Regional Administrator Basgal’s remarks were a big hit. While in San Diego, Regional Administrator Basgal met with the new San Diego mayor, former Congressman, Bob Filner, and other civic leaders of housing programs. □



From Left to right, Joel John Roberts, CEO, PATH (People Assisting The Homeless); Frank Riley, HUD Field Office Director, San Diego; Myrna Pascual, HUD Senior Management Analyst, San Diego Office; Rick Gentry, President and CEO, San Diego Housing Commission; Ophelia Basgal, Regional Administrator, Region IX; James Silverwood, President and CEO, Affirmed Housing Group

Rental Assistance Demonstration
 (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/RAD>)

What’s New?

- February 21, 2014: **Letter from Secretary Donovan** to PHAs and their Partners about the current status of the 1st component of RAD for public and Mod Rehab housing and anticipated next steps with the demonstration.
- February 12, 2014: **RAD Notice** Updated with Technical Corrections.

This is a set of technical corrections prompted by **Section 239 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014** (Public Law 113-76, approved January 17, 2014). The technical corrections have been added to provide authority under the second component of RAD to accept conversion requests from owners of Mod Rehab, Rent Supp and RAP properties whose contract expiration or termination occurs no later than 12/31/14

To receive periodic updates about the RAD program, join our **mailing list**:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/subscribe/signup&listname=Rental%20Assistance%20Demonstration&list=RAD-L>

Notice PIH-2012-32 (HA), REV-1

Issued: July 2, 2013

(Technical Correction Issued February 6, 2014)

Expires: This Notice remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.

This revised notice (Notice) provides program instructions for the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD or Demonstration), including eligibility and selection criteria.

Clarifications on PIH Notice 2014-3- Set-Aside Funding Availability for Project-Basing HUD-VASH Vouchers

As a follow-up to the announcement of the FY2013 Set-Aside funding for HUD-VASH Project-Based Vouchers, we would like to clarify a couple of points based on some questions we've received:

1. PHAs **must** currently be administering an HCV program to be eligible for the competition- this was clarified in a correction to the Notice, published on February 11

(<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PIH2014-03.pdf>)

2. PHAs **do not** need to currently be operating the VASH program to apply for these vouchers; however, all applications must include a signed letter of support from the Director of the VAMC or VISN that confirms the need for the number of vouchers requested in the application.

Below are key dates for this competition, based on the publication date of the Notice. Please note that the project readiness dates are subject to change based on the selection date of projects under this notice.

Application/Selection Dates

Publication Date: February 4, 2014

Application Due Date: May 5, 2014

Anticipated Selection Date: August 4, 2014

Project Readiness Dates

Existing Housing ready for occupancy:
October 2, 2014

New Construction or Rehab AHAP signed within 6 months

February 3, 2015

New Construction or Rehab AHAP signed within 12 months

August 3, 2015

How to Get Proof of Social Security Numbers or Benefits

By: Pay, Benefits, and Retirement Division (PBRD)

Beginning February 2014, the Social Security Administration will no longer issue Social Security number (SSN) printouts and their field offices will stop providing benefit verification letters.

Beneficiaries can obtain a benefit verification letter by registering for an account, or by calling the national toll-free number 1 (800) 772-1213, and using the automated application.

Members of the public can register for a "my" Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and safely conduct business online 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

Checking the web:

Office of Housing Choice Vouchers
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv

Webcasts

- **(NEW)** Implementation of the 2013 Voucher Funding Provisions Presentation
- Cash Management Update Broadcast - October 10, 2012 (MS-PowerPoint)
- CY 2012 HCVP Implementation Broadcast (MS-PowerPoint)
- FY 2012 HCV FSS NOFA Slides (MS-PowerPoint)
- FY 2012 Housing Choice Voucher/ Family Self-Sufficiency NOFA Webcast: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time

Program Related Information

- Family Unification Program
 - FUP Fact Sheet
- **(NEW)** Housing Choice Voucher Program - CY 2013 Administrative Fee Rates
 - CY 2013 Administrative Fee Rates Description (MS-Word)
 - CY 2013 Administrative Fee Rate Tables (MS-Excel)
- **(NEW)** Housing Credit Agencies - PBV Subsidy Layering Reviews
- Housing Choice Voucher Program - CY 2012 Administrative Fee Rates

- CY 2012 Administrative Fee Rates Description (MS-Word)
- CY 2012 Administrative Fee Rate Tables (MS-Excel)
- **(NEW)** CY 2012 HAP Set-Aside Funding for Portability
 - Portability Costs Information
 - Portability Costs-Apparently Eligible PHAs (MS-Excel)
- **(NEW)** Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) webpage
- **(NEW)** HCV 2 year Forecasting Tool: HUD has developed a spreadsheet tool for use by PHA and HUD staff to assist in projecting HCV leasing, spending and funding over a two year period. The purpose is to facilitate decision making by PHAs and to guide HUD oversight and technical assistance so that PHAs can achieve optimal use of the HCV funds while stabilizing the program. The goal is to make full use of the program while avoiding the typical large cyclical swings of lease up followed by attrition, and to eliminate abrupt cutbacks that might adversely impact participants. If you have any questions, contact your local HUD office of Public Housing.
 - Forecast User Guidance
 - Forecasting Tool (MS-Excel) - This version Forecasting Tool *March 30, 2013* is updated to incorporate the 2013 Administrative Fee rates. An adjustment was also made to calculation related to funding from new allocations entered in the "New AC C Units" tab.

Be sure to check out the most current voucher notices:

PIH 2014-05 Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PIHHCVFundImplNotice031814.pdf>

PIH 2014-04 Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas - Revision: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pih2014-04.pdf>

PIH 2014-03 (HA) Guidance on Reporting Public Housing Agency Executive Compensation Information CORRECTION: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PIH2014-03.pdf>

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program

The **HCV/FSS webpage** has been revamped for 2014.

PHAs and Field Office staff are encouraged to check the website regularly for HUD HQ Announcements and pertinent FSS information:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fss

Below are links to FSS NOFAs, webcasts and related information for FY 2013, and archived FSS NOFAs from prior years. While the main components of the FSS program are common to both the PH and HCV FSS programs, these are currently two separate programs with separate sources of funding. **Funding for FY14 will be made available via Grants.gov upon Congressional appropriations.** Please note that the FY14 Congressional Appropriation combines the two programs into one. The first link below is for a letter to prepare agencies for the upcoming FY 2014 FSS competition.

- **FY 2014 FSS get ready letter.**
(<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=FY14FSSgetready3.27.14.pdf>)
- **FY 2013 PH FSS NOFA and related information including webcast and FAQ.**
- **FY 2013 HCV FSS NOFA and related information including webcast and FAQ.**
- **FY13 Logic Model Guidance:** please note that FY13 Logic Model guidance is also found under the FY2013 PH FSS NOFA and the FY2013 HCV FSS NOFA links above.
- **FY13 Logic Model Training**
- **Archived Funding Announcements.**

Links, Notes, and Reminders



A comprehensive article on [Low-Income Housing Tax Credits: Affordable Housing Investment Opportunities for Banks](#) (LIHTC) was recently published by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. It provides a background overview of the LIHTC program along with details and sample case studies explaining how the credits work. <http://occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/insights/insights-low-income-housing-tax-credits.pdf>

FINANCIAL REMINDERS

Please be reminded that PHA Board Resolutions, form HUD-52574, approving public housing authorities (PHAs) operating budgets, must be submitted into our field office **prior** to the beginning of the PHA's fiscal year. This requirement can be found in **PIH Notice 2013-16** (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=13-16pihn.pdf>).

For PHAs with fiscal years that ended March 31, 2014 and PHAs with fiscal years that will end June 30, 2014, please submit your resolutions to your assigned Financial Analyst in the San Francisco field office. If you have any questions on this requirement, please contact our Financial Analysts Myra Smith at 415 489-6750 or Claire Garcia at 415 489-6436. □

More Due Dates for 2014 - More PIH Requirements
 (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=post-more-pih-reg.pdf>)

Due Dates for 2014

(Trust, but verify)

(Source: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/post/calendar)

APRIL				
Date	Description	HCV	PH	Grants
4	VMS Reporting Opens	X		
15	Moving to Work Plan (6/30 FYE)	X	X	X
17	5-Year PHA Plan (6/30 FYE)	X	X	
17	Annual PHA Plan (6/30 Non-Qualified PHAs)	X	X	
17	Capital Fund Program P & E Report (6/30 FYE)		X	
17	Capital Fund Program Annual Statement (6/30 Non-Qualified PHAs First-Time Submission)		X	
17	Civ Rights Cert (6/30 Qual. PHAs)	X	X	
22	VMS Submissions	X		
29	Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Employee Recertification	X	X	
30	Federal Financial Report for IHBG			
30	Energy Performance Contract Reports, Including M & V Reports	X		
30	Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report-Local Contracting Agencies	X	X	X
30	EPIC Quarterly Reporting		X	
MAY				
Date	Description	HCV	PH	Grants
2	Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation (6/30 FYE)		X	
4	VMS Reporting Opens	X		
16	Unaudited Extension Request (3/31 FYE)	X	X	
22	VMS Submissions	X		
30	SEMAP Certification (3/31 FYE)	X		
31	Waiver of Due Date for Audited Financial Info. (9/30 FYE)	X	X	
31	Unaudited Due Date (3/31 FYE)	X	X	
JUNE				
Date	Description	HCV	PH	Grants
4	VMS Reporting Opens	X		
18	Capital Fund Requests for Extensions		X	
22	VMS Submissions	X		
29	IHBG Funds Annual Performance Report (3/31 FYE)			
30	Audited Due Date (9/30 FYE)	X	X	
30	Moving to Work Report (3/31 FYE)	X	X	X
30	Submit Board Resolutions Approving Operating Budget (6/30 FYE)		X	
30	FYE Change Request Due (9/30 FYE)	X	X	

2014 Notices, Rules and Regulations

Below is a list of PIH notices which provide guidance, extensions, instructions, clarifications, announcements and other policy information. The notices are also available on **HUDclips**. **Note:** HUD announces the **end to hard copy mailing of PIH Notices**. Notices will be available electronically only and posted on this website.

Past PIH Notices:	2013 > 2012 > 2011 > 2010 > 2009 > 2008 > 2007 > 2006 > 2005 > 2004 > 2003 > 2002 > 2001 > 2000 > 1999 > 1998 > 1997 > 1996 > 1994-1995	
PIH 2014-05	Issued: Mar. 18, 2014 Expires: Dec. 31, 2014	Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program - This Notice implements the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program funding provisions of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014" (PL 113-76), referred to hereafter as "the 2014 Act," enacted on January 17, 2014.
PIH 2014-04	Issued: Feb. 4, 2014 Expires: This notice remains in effect until amended, revoked or superseded	Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas – Revision - This Notice amends the eligibility criteria for category 3 properties previously described in Notice PIH 2013-08, Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas – Final Implementation.
PIH 2014-03 (HA) CORRECTION	Issued: Feb. 4, 2014 Expires: This notice remains in effect until amended, revoked or superseded	Set-Aside Funding Availability for Project-Basing HUD-VASH Vouchers - The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of a set-aside of approximately \$7 million in HUD-VASH funding that will support approximately 1,000 units of project-based voucher (PBV) assistance.
PIH 2014-01 (HA)	Issued: Jan. 9, 2014 Expires: This notice remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded	Guidance on Reporting Public Housing Agency Executive Compensation Information - This notice provides guidance on how to use the revised HUD-52725 form to report executive compensation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related attachment: HUD-52725 Form 	

News-to-Use

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/post/announce

Date	Program	Source	Summary
4/11/14	PH	Federal Register	30 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Baseline Assessment of Renewable Energy Capacity within HUD's Public Housing and Federally-Assisted Multifamily Housing Portfolios. The assessment will support President Obama's Climate Action Plan . The proposed data collection instrument is a web-based census survey. This current notice extends the comment period from the original January 21, 2014 notice publication . Comments are due May 12, 2014.
4/11/14	PH	Federal Register	30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Operating Fund Formula: Data Collection: This notice extends the due date for public comments regarding HUD's intent to extend the information reporting requirements for forms HUD-52722 and HUD-52723. These forms are used by PHAS for calculating operating subsidy eligibility. The original information collection notice was published on February 6, 2014 . Public comments are due May 12, 2014.
4/7/14	All HUD	Federal	CORRECTION: 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Owner's Certification

Date	Program	Source	Summary
	Programs	Register	with HUD Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures. 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Owner's Certification with HUD Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures - The Department needs to collect this information in order to establish an applicant's eligibility for admittance to subsidized housing, specify which eligible applicants may be given priority over others, and prohibit racial discrimination in conjunction with selection of tenants and unit assignments. Comments Due Date: May 7, 2014.
4/4/14	PIH	Web	The MTW Office has posted the webcast training on the revised HUD Form 50900 the webcast can be found here .
3/31/14	PH/HCV	Web	HUD has posted <i>Explanation of Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Obligations for April and May.</i> "This document explains the forthcoming obligations for public housing authorities being placed in eLOCCS for April 1st. The document can be found here .
3/31/14	All HUD Programs	Federal Register	30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Owner's Certification With HUD Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures: The Department needs to collect this information in order to establish an applicant's eligibility for admittance to subsidized housing, specify which eligible applicants may be given priority over others, and prohibit racial discrimination in conjunction with selection of tenants and unit assignments. Comments Due Date: April 30, 2014.
3/31/14	All HUD Programs	Federal Register	30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS). In the past, HUD recipients were allowed to prepare their environmental review records using HUD recommended formats or equivalent formats. Now, HUD is developing a new online tool called the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS), which will allow users to complete, store, and submit their environmental review records online. HUD's intention is HEROS will improve HUD's environmental reviews in a number of ways. Comments Due by: April 30, 2014
3/28/14	PIH	Web	COMBINED FY2014 FSS NOFA application: HUD has posted the letter to prepare PHAs/Applicants for the FY2014 Combined FSS NOFA application submission here .
3/28/14	CPD	Federal Register	Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless: Suitable properties located in CA, IL and WA.
3/25/14	All HUD Programs	Federal Register	30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Transfer and Consolidation of Public Housing Programs and Public Housing Agencies: State legislatures or other local governing bodies may from time to time direct or agree that the public interest is best served if one public housing agency (PHA) cedes its public housing program to another PHA, or that two or more PHAs should be combined into one multijurisdictional PHA. This proposed information collection serves to protect HUD's several interests in either transaction. Comments Due by: April 24, 2014
3/24/14	PIH	Federal Register	60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Requirement for Contractors To Provide Certificates of Insurance for Capital Program Projects: Public Housing Agencies must obtain certificates of insurance from contractors and subcontractors before beginning work under either the development of a new low-income public housing project or the modernization of an existing project. The certificates of insurance provide evidence that worker's compensation and general liability, automobile liability insurance are in force before any construction work is started. Comments Due Date: May 23, 2014.
3/19/14	PIH	Web	Remittances of Interest Earned on NRA and excess HAP funds: This memorandum puts forward the procedures for remitting interest earned (from NRA and excess HAP funds) to U.S. Treasury. Interest earned will not be collected via offset (reduction of future disbursements) as part of the cash management year-end reconciliation. The document can be found here .
3/19/14	PIH	Web	2014 Capital Fund Grant ACCs Now Available: Capital Fund program (CFP) grant awards for formula grants and, where applicable, Replacement Housing Factor grant(s) (RHF) for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 have been posted to the HUD PIH Website for the Capital Fund Program and can be found here .
3/18/14	PIH	PIH Notice	PIH 2014-05 Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program - This Notice implements the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program funding provisions of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014" (PL 113-76), referred to hereafter as "the 2014 Act," enacted on January 17, 2014.

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3/17/14	PH/HCV	Federal Register	HUD published a listing of regulatory waivers granted for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2013.
3/14/14	PIH	Federal Register	Federal Properties Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless: No new properties have been identified.
3/13/14	RAD	Web	Multifamily Housing will be hosting a webcast Monday, March 17, 2014, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM EDT to discuss occupancy related requirements associated with the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The webcast will closely mirror the RAD PBRA Quick Reference Guide and there will be a session for questions and answers. We strongly encourage PHAs converting to PBRA, their partners, and HUD Multifamily Staff involved in these transactions to join us. You can view further information about the webcast here . http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=radblasttraining3_17_14.pdf
3/13/14	PDR	Federal Register	60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rent Reform Demonstration (Task Order 1) The project is a random assignment trial of an alternative rent system. Families will be randomly assigned to either participate in the new/alternative rent system or to continue in the current system. For voucher holders, outcomes of the alternative system are hypothesized to be increases in earnings, employment and job retention, among others. Random assignment will limit the extent to which selection bias drives observed results. Comments Due by: May 12, 2014
3/11/14	PIH	Web	PASS has posted short videos pertaining to the inspection process. While most of these pertain to inspectors and their internal processes some are for PHAs such as the EHS and appeals. The videos can be found here .
3/7/14	PIH	Web	REAC has posted REAC COMPILATION BULLETIN which can be found here . The revisions listed provide guidance that replace or expand current clarifications in the Compilation Bulletin or UPCS protocol. These revisions supersede the clarifications in the Compilation Bulletin and all other separate guidance posted prior to the listed effective date and will be incorporated into the body of the document in the next full revision of the Compilation Bulletin. You can find future updates here .
3/7/14	PIH	Web	For the past two years, HUD has been supporting a research study to explore the range of housing programs that serve youth aging out of foster care, including an in-depth review of communities who are using Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers to serve this population. A central feature of this effort was a survey administered to the approximately 250 public housing agencies (PHAs) that currently administer FUP. A webinar was presented in January 2014. You can view the webinar here .
2/26/14	PIH	Federal Register	60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Promise Zones. Under the Promise Zones initiative, the federal government will invest and partner with high-poverty urban, rural, and tribal communities to create jobs, increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, and reduce violent crime. Comments Due Date: April 24, 2014
2/25/14	PH/HCV	PIH	FMD has posted new PHA Tools (HUD-52723, v1.3 and HUD-52722, v1.10) to the external 2014 Op Sub website, as noted below. These new Tools address new and/or revised PELs for 17 projects (PPNs), found in earlier versions of the Tools. FMD's website can be found here . The new tools are highlighted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (NEW) CY 2014 PHA HUD - 52723 Excel Tools Version 1.3 (New and Revised PELs)(WinZip) • (NEW) CY 2014 PHA HUD - 52723 Excel Tools Version 1.3 (New and Revised PELs)(MS-Excel) • (NEW) CY 2014 PHA HUD - 52722 Excel Tools Version 1.10 (New and Revised PELs)(MS-Excel) • (NEW) CY 2014 PHA HUD - 52722 Excel Tools Version 1.10 (New and Revised PELs)(WinZip) • (UPDATED) CY 2014 PHA HUD-52722 Technical Notes
2/18/14	PIH	Federal Register	60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Annual Contributions Contractor and Inventory Removal Application: The public housing

Date	Program	Source	Summary
			program funds low-rent projects owned and operated by public housing agencies (PHAs), subject to the terms and conditions contained in an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with certain requirements applicable to all projects and other requirements applicable in only certain conditions or types of projects. These program requirements govern how properties are funded and operated by PHAs including how properties are added or removed from their inventories. Information collections from PHAs assure compliance with all Federal program requirements. Comments Due Date: April 21, 2014
2/6/14	PIH/HCV	Web	This Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Waiver Letter provides an overview of PHA considerations when implementing a PBV program. This letter discusses some key compliance considerations when implementing a PBV program and how PIH will respond to noncompliance issues. In summary, retroactive waivers will not be granted when PHAs fail to comply with the regulatory requirements. Instead, PIH will treat noncompliance with the program requirements as an enforcement issue.
2/6/14	PIH	Federal Register	60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Operating Fund Formula: Data Collection. Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) use this information in budget submissions which are reviewed and approved by HUD field offices as the basis for obligating operating subsidies. This information is necessary to calculate the eligibility for operating subsidies under the Operating Fund Program regulation, as amended. The Operating Fund Program is designed to provide the amount of operating subsidy that would be needed for well-managed PHAs. PHAs will submit the information electronically with a form. Comments Due Date: April 7, 2014
2/4/14	PIH	PIH Notice	PIH 2014-04 Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas – Revision- This Notice amends the eligibility criteria for category 3 properties previously described in Notice PIH 2013-08, Funding for Tenant-Protection Vouchers for Certain At-Risk Households in Low-Vacancy Areas – Final Implementation.
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1/31/14	PIH	Web	ALERT: PHAs are urged to report all changes to CY 2013 leasing and HAP expenses in VMS (re-validation period) for purposes of HUD's calculation of renewal eligibility. Deadline date for PHAs to amend VMS reports to exclude prohibited sources of funds as outlined in PIH 2013-28 . Deadline Date February 24, 2014.
1/31/14	HCV	Federal Register	30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Section 8 Renewal Policy Guide: The Section 8 Renewal Policy Guide will include recent legislation modifications for renewing of expiring Section 8 policy(ies) Guidebook, as authorized by the Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR Part 401 and 24 CFR Part 40 Comments Due Date: March 3, 2014.
1/30/14	PIH	PIH	Guidance on NED Recoding- Section 5.b. of PIH Notice 2013-18 (<i>Revised Policies and Procedures for Special Purpose Housing Choice Vouchers for Non-Elderly Disabled Families and Other Populations</i>) provides that a family that meets the definition of a NED family could be coded as such on the 50058 in order for the PHA to reach its baseline of required NED families. However, once the baseline is established, the PHA must not recode existing participant families as NED when there is turnover. That same section also states that in regard to monitoring leasing through PIC, it will ensure that <u>upon turnover</u> , NED vouchers are issued to other NED families. Issuance can only be accomplished through selection from the PHA's waiting list.
1/29/14	PIH/HCV	PIH	Get Ready Letter 2014-HCV - This letter is to assist PHAs to prepare for the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program in calendar year 2014. There are specific timeframes that the PHAs must be aware of, and includes specific information about new provisions included in the Appropriations Act, 2014. The document can be found here .