

HOW TO APPLY FOR BUYBACK AMERICA

HUD's Gun Buyback And Violence Reduction Initiative

Eligible Applicants

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that received grant funds under HUD's Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP), and still have such funds available to devote to gun buyback activities.

Requirements

- PHAs must be willing to allocate or reallocate a portion of their PHDEP funds to conduct gun buyback (GBB) activities. PHDEP funds may be from a current or previous year.
- PHAs must conduct the buyback in conjunction with the local government and the local police department.

Matching Funds

HUD will provide PHAs that participate in the GBB with matching funds to at the rate of 43% (\$43 for every \$100 of PHDEP funds the PHA allocates to the GBB) to support GBB activities, as long as such matching funds remain.

How to Apply

Applications should be to HUD Headquarters and include the information as indicated below:

- A letter of request (addressed to Secretary Andrew Cuomo) to reallocate a portion of PHDEP dollars from one category to another.
 - Identify the PHDEP categories from which funds will come to support the GBB, the dollar amounts involved and the respective LOCCS line item numbers.
- Provide a summary on how the requested reallocation of funds from one category to another in support of the GBB will impact the PHA's overall PHDEP plan.
- Provide a description on how the PHA plans to conduct its gun buyback, including specific plans, procedures, promotions, etc.
- Submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed with the local police identifying the duties and responsibilities of each party in the buyback effort.

- In the interest of time, HUD will accept a letter of intent from the police department (addressed to the PHA), stating that the police support the gun buyback effort, and will work with the PHA to conduct this initiative.
 - A MOU will still need to be submitted, but can be done so at a later date. It should, however, be submitted before the first buyback occurs.
- Submit a MOU from the local government, expressing the government's agreement to support the PHA's gun buyback
 - Any contributions, participation and other support from the local government should be spelled out in the MOU.
 - As stated above, a letter of intent from the local government will be accepted for initial approval consideration, but a MOU should be submitted prior to the first buyback.