



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHA Newsletter: July 2022

News from HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing sent to PHA Executive Directors

SPECIAL TOPICS

NSPIRE Standards Published for Public Comment

On June 17, 2022, HUD published in the Federal Register the proposed [National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate \(NSPIRE\)](#) for public comment. The NSPIRE Standards will replace and significantly strengthen HUD's current physical condition requirements, known as the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) for public housing and the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-based Voucher (PBV) programs. Comments on the Federal Register notice and standards are due **by August 1, 2022**. Comments should be sent electronically through www.regulations.gov as directed in the notice.

Affordable Connectivity Program Outreach

HUD recently [announced](#) actions to expand broadband to more than 4 million HUD-assisted families, as part of the administration's outreach efforts on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Households receiving HUD rental assistance qualify for ACP benefits, but to receive them, families need to enroll in the program at GetInternet.gov. We strongly encourage PHAs to use the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [Outreach Toolkit](#) to help get information directly to residents to increase their access to reliable, high-speed, and affordable broadband. For your benefit, HUD has also created a [digital access landing page](#) with PHA-specific trainings and resources.

Section 3 Final Rule Training

Wednesday & Thursday, August 17-18, 2022 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

Registration is open for a training session on the changes to and new requirements of the [Section 3 Final Rule](#) and available resources for PHAs. Please plan to attend 2 hours of

instruction both days. If you attended the training in 2021 or earlier in 2022, you do not need to attend again.

Use of Housing Choice Voucher and Mainstream Voucher Administrative Fees for Other Expenses to Assist Families to Lease Units

HUD issued [PIH Notice 2022-18](#), which provides guidance on the use of HCV and Mainstream voucher administrative fees for expenses to assist families with leasing. The notice expands PHAs' eligible uses of administrative fees to include landlord incentive payments, security deposit assistance, and other expenses that can improve voucher utilization.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

HCV Utilization Webinar: Using Administrative Fees to Improve Leasing Success

Thursday, July 21, 2022 | 2:00 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

This webinar will present best practices for using HCV Administrative Fees to improve leasing success and discuss the new HCV Administrative Fee Notice ([Notice PIH 2022-18](#)).

Emergency Housing Voucher Landlord Engagement Series

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 | 3:00 PM ET

No registration required. [Join via Zoom here!](#)

Please join for the final session of HUD's Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Landlord Engagement Series to help participating EHV PHAs and Continuums of Care address utilization challenges. In addition to highlighting best practices for landlord engagement and unit identification, this webinar will address comments and questions raised during EHV office hours and in other venues. Recordings of past EHV webinars and office hours can be found archived [here](#), and additional information is available at the [EHV landing page](#).

Sign up for the PBV RADvisor Newsletter!

[Click here to sign up!](#)

The PBV RADvisor is a new quarterly newsletter to provide the latest guidance, tips, and reminders for anyone administering a Project Based Voucher (PBV) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. The first RADvisor newsletter will be going out soon! Please

help us spread the word about this great new resource by encouraging staff and colleagues to sign up to receive the newsletter.

PUBLIC HOUSING

PIC Certification for 2023 Capital Fund Grants Now Open

In preparation for the calculation of FY 2023 Capital Fund grant awards, the annual PIC Certification process will run from July 5 through August 25, 2022. The “reporting date” for this round of certifications is June 30, 2022. For further information on completing the PIC Certification process, please refer to the [Updated Step-by-Step User Guide](#).

Publication of FY22 TDC Limits

On June 19, 2022, HUD published the [FY 2022 Total Development Cost \(TDC\) limits](#). Public housing capital assistance may not be used to pay for Housing Construction Costs and Community Renewal Costs in excess of the TDC limit, with some exceptions. An updated Development Proposal Calculator incorporating the FY 2022 TDC limits is available [here](#).

Capital Fund Program Webinar Series: Obligations & Expenditures

Monday, July 25, 2022 | 1:00 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

HUD is hosting webinars for PHAs focused on recent changes to the Capital Fund program and its requirements. The July 25th session will review changes in obligation and expenditure end dates and close-out requirements. Subsequent sessions will cover Capital Fund formula and Demolition and Disposition Transitional Funding (DDTF); Capital Needs planning and Capital Fund submission processes; and an introduction to the Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC) system. [Click here for more information](#).

Repositioning Non-Dwelling Property: Overview of Tools and Strategic Tips

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of how PHAs can reposition non-dwelling public housing property, such as vacant land, community buildings, administrative buildings, and maintenance or storage buildings. Options under RAD, Section 18 demolition, Section 18 disposition, and

Part 200 retention will be discussed, along with issues related to timing, sequencing, and closeout.

COMMUNITY & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

LGBTQI+ Pride in Housing Rights

HUD Strong Families is please to bring you a helpful resource for LGBTQI+ individuals who are seeking housing. This resource offers helpful information to all, but especially LGBTQI+ individuals, on their housing rights and how to report housing discrimination. [Please click here for](#) the flyer.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Ongoing PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, & Recovery Webinar Series

Registration is open for all upcoming webinars in the [PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, & Recovery Webinar Series](#). The series will provide PHAs with proactive disaster management strategies and resources. Upcoming topics are scheduled as follows:

- [Wildfires](#) | July 26, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
 - [Tornadoes](#) | August 09, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
 - [Flooding](#) | August 23, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
 - [Building Fires](#) | September 06, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HUD is currently accepting applications for the following PIH programs:

- [Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency](#) – applications due Monday, July 18, 2022
 - [Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#) – applications due Thursday, July 28, 2022
 - [Jobs Plus](#) – applications due Friday, July 29, 2022
 - [Foster Youth to Independence](#) – applications due Monday, August 8, 2022
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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[HUD Awards \\$4 Million to PHAs to Protect Families from Potential Exposures to Radon](#)

NOTICES

- [PIH 2022-07](#) Mainstream Vouchers – Non-Competitive Opportunity for Additional Vouchers Authorized by the CARES Act and Extraordinary Administrative Funding
 - [PIH 2022-09](#) Streamlined Regulatory Waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream and Mod Rehab) Program
 - [PIH 2022-10](#) Implementation of the Final Rule on Section 3 Regulations - 24 CFR Part 75
 - [PIH 2022-11](#) Request for Applications under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program: Asset Building Cohort
 - [PIH 2022-14](#) Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - [PIH 2022-15](#) Federal Financial Report – Standard Form 425
 - [PIH 2022-17](#) Implementation of Public Housing Operating Fund Shortfall Funding from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Appropriations
 - [PIH 2022-18](#) Use of Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Mainstream Voucher Administrative Fees for Other Expenses to Assist Families to Lease Units ([Register here](#) for the associated webinar on July 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM ET)
 - [PIH 2022-19](#) Updates to PIH Notice 2022-07 and provides information on new funding opportunities for Mainstream vouchers
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Our Way Home Day of Action in Jersey City



HUD Region II Regional Administrator Alicka Ampry-Samuel and HUD Field Policy and Management Assistant Deputy Secretary Michele Perez commemorate a Day of Action for Our Way Home at Holland Gardens in Jersey City, NJ with U.S. Representative Donald Payne, Jr., JCHA Executive Director Vivian Brady-Phillips, and others.

HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge's national [Our Way Home](#) initiative builds on HUD's commitment to help state and local leaders use federal resources to meet their affordable housing supply needs, to add new affordable housing to their pipelines, and to preserve existing units. Secretary Fudge called for a Day of Action, and HUD Regional Administrators held events throughout the country to recognize the launch of Our Way Home and directly engage with local leaders and community stakeholders.

Jersey City Housing Authority (JCHA) Executive Director Vivian Brady-Phillips and her team provided a tour of Holland Gardens, a 192-unit public housing site built in 1944 which is operated and maintained by the JCHA. The site, consisting of five low-rise apartment buildings home to families, seniors, and residents with disabilities, is in the process of redevelopment, with the plan to add senior housing units and a senior center. The JCHA is selecting a developer for renovations and exploring expanding the number of housing units on the property. HUD staff, local stakeholders, and advocates participated in a roundtable discussion highlighting projects, challenges, and best practices related to meeting local needs for affordable housing.

RESEARCH CORNER

Insights on Rent Reporting Programs from Affordable Housing Property Owners

In a [recent article](#), HUD presents findings from interviews with eight property owners and managers one year after implementation of a California law requiring private landlords with 15 or more subsidized housing units to offer their tenants the opportunity to have their rent payments reported to major credit bureaus. Rent reporting – the monthly reporting of tenant rent payments to at least one consumer credit bureau – is a way for renters to establish a credit history. While homeowners can build their credit by reporting mortgage payments to credit bureaus, renters historically haven't gotten credit for rental payments. A 2019 HUD study examined the potential effects of positive-only and full-file rent reporting for residents of developments managed by three public housing agencies. HUD found that when positive-only and full-file payments were reported, most residents saw their scores [increase](#). Other studies of positive-only and opt-in reporting found increases in participants' ability to establish a credit history and increases in average credit scores among low-rent and subsidized housing [tenants](#).

We hope you enjoy receiving these messages from HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing.

Public Housing Agency contact information is retrieved from HUD's Public Housing Information Center (PIC).

If your agency's contact information is out of date, please update PIC with the correct contact information.

We update our email lists from PIC twice a month, so you should see your change reflected after two weeks.

Thank you for furthering HUD's mission in the communities you serve.