



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHA Newsletter: October 2022

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

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## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

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### **Our Way Home: Strengthening Rental Assistance Essential for Housing Supply**

Under Secretary Fudge's leadership, [Our Way Home](#), is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's initiative that tells the story of how HUD boosts our nation's housing supply and brings down costs for all Americans. In their recent [Our Way Home blog post](#), Victoria Brown, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Doug Rice, PIH Special Policy Advisor explain that expanding rental assistance is the most effective way to ensure that an adequate share of the housing supply is affordable to poorer renters, an essential part of the Biden-Harris Housing Supply Action Plan.

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### **New Incremental Housing Choice Vouchers**

On September 23, 2022, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge [announced](#) the awarding of more than 19,000 new HCVs to almost 2,000 PHAs in nearly every community across the country. These vouchers were awarded through [PIH Notice 2022-29](#), which provides guidance on the allocation of \$200 million through a formula that considers factors like severe cost burden, overcrowding, substandard housing for very low-income renters, and homelessness.

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### **Extension of 120% Payment Standards Waivers**

HUD recently published [PIH 2022-30](#), which extends through December 31, 2023 the currently approved regulatory waivers for increasing the payment standard and new payment standard amounts. This Notice includes regulatory waivers to assist PHAs in responding to ongoing fluctuations and disruptions in the rental market by providing more flexibility with establishing and applying payment standards. Waiver extension requests must be submitted by December 31, 2022 to increase payment standards, and new streamlined waiver requests must be submitted by September 30, 2023.

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### **Increased Funding for Additional Mainstream Vouchers**

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On September 30, 2022, HUD published [PIH 2022-31](#) to increase the amount of funding for Mainstream vouchers authorized by the CARES Act. The total amount of funding now available is \$48 million.

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### **New Webpage for HCV Landlord Resources**

HUD recently published [new resources for HCV landlords](#) on its website to help bust myths and increase landlord participation in the program. These resources include info sheets, videos, and step-by-step guides for both prospective landlord participants and for PHAs to improve landlord engagement.

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### **Emergency Housing Voucher Office Hours**

#### **November 1, 2022 | 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | Engaging Persons with Lived Experience**

Registration is not required. Please click [here](#) to join.

Incorporating the voices of persons with lived expertise (PWLE) can be a transformative resource in a community's efforts to end homelessness. In this Emergency Housing Vouchers Office Hours session, we will explore tips for engaging PWLE to support planning and implementation efforts and improve homeless systems by advancing equity throughout.

Beginning in October 2022, Office Hours will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Previously held webinars and office hours are archived [here](#).

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## **PUBLIC HOUSING**

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### **FY22 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Funding Announcement Published**

On September 30, 2022, HUD published the [FY22 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), announcing the availability of an historically-high \$379 million in funding to communities across the country. HUD's press release is available [here](#).

**The application deadline is January 11, 2023. The maximum grant award is \$50 million,** with PHAs, local governments, and/or tribal entities eligible to apply. HUD made several changes to this year's NOFO to streamline rating factors and clarify program requirements. PHAs may direct questions to [ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov](mailto:ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov) or visit [www.hud.gov/cn](http://www.hud.gov/cn). In the coming weeks, HUD will publish frequently asked questions and a webinar for prospective applicants [here](#). PHAs are strongly encouraged to apply for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning or Implementation Grant when considering redevelopment of severely distressed public housing properties.

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## New Flat Rent Process and Resources

Beginning October 1, 2022, HUD has updated its flat rent exception request submission process for new requests and extension requests. The [flat rent website](#) explains the streamlined submission process in detail and [HUD's flat rent team](#) is available to answer questions. HUD requires PHAs to give families a choice of rent annually, based on the family's income or a "flat rent" amount generally based on 80% Fair Market Rents (FMRs). If the PHA believes that 80% of the FMR does not reflect the market conditions, then a HUD-approved flat rent exception request is required to set a lower flat rent. A notice outlining these updates is forthcoming.

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## PHAs Selected for New Asset Building Moving to Work Demonstration Cohort

HUD has [announced eighteen new Moving to Work PHAs as part of the Asset Building cohort](#). Through this new cohort, HUD will evaluate asset building activities that encourage the creation and growth of savings accounts and/or aim to build credit, through rent reporting, for assisted households. This cohort is a key component of HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge's economic justice agenda: [Bridging the Wealth Gap](#). By integrating asset building, anti-poverty policies can more directly facilitate economic stability for millions of Americans.

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## Integrated Pest Management Course

**October 11 – November 1 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET**

[Register here!](#)

HUD is offering a free online "StopPests in Housing Program" in four parts starting on October 11 and concluding on November 1. This course was designed to help housing professionals in public and affordable housing communities understand their role in supporting safe and effective pest control. Course materials are available [here](#).

- Oct 11 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | Introduction to IPM and Pesticide Use
  - Oct 18 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | Cockroaches
  - Oct 25 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | Rodents
  - Nov 1 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | Bed Bugs
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## Public Housing Resources

Please visit the Public Housing pages on [HUD Exchange](#) and [HUD.gov](#) to access the following materials:

- [Lead the Way: PHA Governance and Financial Management – A Training for Board Members \(Public Housing Basics\)](#): self-paced training for PHA staff and board members
  - [PHA Financial Management Training](#): internal controls and financial management
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- [Rental Assistance Demonstration Housing Conversion Training Videos and Resources](#): common concerns during Public Housing repositioning
  - [Public Housing Data Dashboard](#): track your occupancy data
  - [Public Housing Guidance and Notices](#), including [Notice PIH-2021-35](#) on IMS/PIC Sub-Module Reporting and Validation
  - [MTW Operations Notice](#): requirements for the implementation and continued operation of the expansion of the MTW demonstration program
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## COMMUNITY & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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### 2022 ConnectHomeUSA Virtual Summit and Resources

**October 25 – October 27 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET**

[Register here!](#)

HUD is sponsoring a 3-day virtual summit on digital inclusion topics for ConnectHomeUSA (CHUSA) communities, PHAs, Tribes, and anyone interested in digital inclusion. HUD Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman will provide keynote remarks and participants can expect to hear from federal agencies, private-sector stakeholders, and CHUSA communities on innovative solutions and best practices to advance digital equity and how to identify federal funding opportunities and strategies to support the growth and success of digital inclusion initiatives.

HUD recently published a [new collection of toolkits and guides](#) to support PHAs as they build digital inclusion plans for their communities. These resources complement key chapters of the [ConnectHomeUSA Playbook](#). The ConnectHomeUSA team is available to answer questions related to broadband access and digital literacy through the newly launched [Broadband Ask-A-Question \(AAQ\) page](#).

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### Implementing Year-round Child Nutrition Programs Through PHAs

**October 27 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET**

Registration is not required. Please click [here](#) to join.

Join the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Community Meals Policy Division and Community Food Systems Division for a webinar that will provide an overview of and best practices for implementing year-round Child Nutrition Programs through Public Housing Authorities. The presentation will also provide an overview of the Farm to School Grant program along with resources and support for improving health and learning outcomes for families.

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## SPECIAL TOPICS

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## 2023 HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design & Planning Competition

HUD is accepting applications from PHAs through **Monday, October 10, 2022** to host the [2023 HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design & Planning Competition](#). Once the PHA and its project site are chosen, student teams will compete to develop project plans that address social, economic, and environmental issues outlined by the PHA. The PHA will facilitate a site visit for the top four student teams in Spring 2023, and HUD will invite the four finalist student teams and the participating PHA to a final competition event at HUD Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to present the final designs and select a winner.

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## PHA Disaster Preparedness Resources

HUD has made available the following resources on the new [PHA Disaster Preparedness page](#) assist PHAs in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters:

- [PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery \(D3R\) Guidebook](#): This is the primary resource for PHAs before, during, and after disasters to develop a more resilient portfolio and, when impacted, expedite the recovery process.
  - [PHA D3R Webinar Series](#): The full recorded webinar series is now available to provide proactive strategies to mitigate and respond to natural disasters, extreme temperatures, and building fires.
  - [PHA: Applying for FEMA Public Assistance](#): FEMA developed this fact sheet to help PHAs navigate the program and expedite the recovery process. For more information, refer to FEMA's [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#).
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## New IMS/PIC Error Dashboard and Upcoming Training

**October 18, 2022 | 2:00 PM ET**

Registration is not required. Please click [here](#) to join.

HUD has developed a new dashboard to display records submitted by PHAs in the Inventory Management System (IMS) / PIH Information Center (PIC) system that were rejected because of errors. [The PIC Error Dashboard](#) allows PHAs to view and correct errors to guarantee that tenant participation is captured more accurately. On October 18 at 2:00 PM, HUD will host a webinar on the Dashboard.

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## HUD Violence Against Women Act Forum: Understanding Survivors' Experiences

**October 19 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET**

[Register here!](#)

The National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA) is hosting a series to understand the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; provide an

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overview of VAWA 2022's housing provisions that grants HUD new enforcement authority; and highlight common housing scenarios that survivors experience. Part 1 of this series will focus on understanding survivors' experiences.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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HUD is currently accepting applications for the following PIH programs:

- [FY22 Family Self-Sufficiency](#) Program – Applications due October 7, 2022
    - *For those in Presidentially Declared Emergency and Disaster Areas, the NOFO deadline is extended to Friday, October 21, 2022*
  - [Stability Vouchers](#) – Registration of Interest due October 20, 2022
  - [Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#) – Applications due January 11, 2023
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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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[HUD Announces \\$180 Million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#)

[HUD Awards Nearly \\$1 Million to Keep Foster Youth Housed](#)

[HUD Awards More Than 19,000 New HCVs in Most Expansive Allocation in 20 Years](#)

[HUD Awards \\$4.9 Million to PHAs to Correct Emergency Conditions](#)

[HUD Awards Nearly \\$10.4 Million to PHAs for Safety and Security Needs](#)

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## NOTICES

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### [View PIH Notices](#)

- [PIH 2022-20](#) FSS Escrow Account & Use of Forfeited FSS Escrow
  - [PIH 2022-22](#) Revoke and Reallocation of EHV Awards
  - [PIH 2022-24](#) Stability Voucher Program
  - [PIH 2022-25](#) Voluntary Reallocation or Recapture of HUD-VASH Vouchers
  - [PIH 2022-26](#) Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers
  - [PIH 2022-29](#) Allocation & Special Administrative Fee for New Incremental HCVs
  - [PIH 2022-30](#) Extension HCV Program Waivers and Streamlined Review Process
  - [PIH 2022-31](#) Additional Non-Competitive Mainstream Vouchers
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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### FY21 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants Awarded



*HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum, Tulsa Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer Aaron Darden, Tulsa City Councilor Vanessa Hill-Harper, community stakeholders, and residents celebrate a \$50 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Award.*

On September 22, HUD announced four new Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants, totaling \$180 million, to the public housing authorities and cities of Durham, NC; Knoxville, TN; Omaha, NE; and Tulsa, OK. HUD leadership traveled to each of the four cities to celebrate the awards. Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants provide significant funding to (1) replace distressed HUD-assisted housing with new, high quality mixed-income housing; (2) invest in economic development and physical neighborhood improvement projects; and (3) support resident goals and outcomes related to income/employment, health, and education. **Choice Neighborhoods is a growing program and a priority for HUD.** The program's mixed-income housing approach is transforming neighborhoods nationwide and generating new housing opportunities for tens of thousands of families.

In Tulsa, Secretary Fudge noted Choice Neighborhoods grants are a “Testament to the benefits of a community-driven, whole-of-government approach to neighborhood revitalization. This is the kind of investment that excites me as Secretary of HUD. It excites me because I know that this is what it will take to ensure that every one of our nation’s communities can thrive. When we invest in housing, when we build up communities and ensure that residents have access to grocery stores, schools, and health care, we can make a real difference in people’s lives.”

[Click here to read more about the newly awarded FY21 grants.](#)

[Click here to read more about the current FY22 funding opportunity.](#)

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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.