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GENERAL NEWS

Treasury Posts New ERAP Resources

Last Friday, the U.S. Department of Treasury ([Treasury](#)) posted the following resources to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ([ERAP](#)) website:

- The [November ERA report showing](#) that November sets new record for emergency rental assistance disbursed—\$2.9 billion to aid 665,000 households—as eviction filings remain below pre-pandemic levels nationally.
- Updated forms relevant for the second round of reallocation:
 - [Request for reallocated funds](#): Grantees that want to be considered for additional ERA1 funds in this next round of reallocations must submit the Request for Reallocated Funds form to Treasury’s portal by January 21, 2022.
 - [Reallocated Funds Form with Exhibit C - Voluntary Reallocated Funds](#)
- The amounts for [ERA1 Round 1 Reallocation](#) and [ERA1 Voluntary Reallocation](#)
- Updated guidelines for program websites to include resources for grantees to [improve access for those with limited English proficiency](#).

HUD Announces Assistance for Washington Disaster Survivors

In a [press release](#) Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by flooding and mudslides in the State of Washington from November 13 to November 15, 2021.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on January 5, 2022, allows HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals living in impacted counties and tribes. Effective immediately, the Department will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD’s Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD’s Section 203\(k\) program](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility through disaster waivers. Click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH 2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD’s expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.

HUD Announces Upcoming National Fair Housing Training Academy Events

Last week on the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD [announced](#) the schedule of upcoming National Fair Housing Training Academy ([NFHTA](#)) events through June 2022. Click [here](#) to view the schedule, course descriptions, and more.

The NFHTA was launched in July 2019 to prepare fair housing advocates, lawyers, investigators, and other stakeholders on effective strategies and techniques for addressing discriminatory housing policies and practices throughout the nation.

NHLP Posts Domestic Violence Newsletter

The National Housing Law Project ([NHLP](#)) has [posted](#) the most recent edition of its series of domestic violence newsletters, which are intended to address a variety of current housing issues that affect survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The [Issue Two 2021 Newsletter](#) features two articles regarding the housing rights and needs of survivors of violence. The first article discusses the availability of Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHV](#)) for survivors of violence. The second article discusses updated United States Department of Agriculture guidance concerning the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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