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PH PROGRAM NEWS

CY 2022 Op Sub Tools Now Available on Web Portal

In an email yesterday to the Financial Management Division (FMD) <u>mailing list</u>, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) announced that it has posted operating subsidy tools for calendar year 2022 to the <u>operating fund web portal</u>. The HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 Excel tools are available for download. PHAs must submit their completed Excel tools through the OpFund web portal's PHA Form 52723/52722 submission module, not by email. Excel tools are due on or before **February 14, 2022.**

HUD has scheduled a <u>training session</u> to assist PHAs in downloading and submitting the HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 Excel tools. The training, targeted to PHA executive directors, PHA staff, and organizations that support PHAs, will be held Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Attendees must use Google Chrome to participate.

For questions related to the PHA Excel tools and OpFund grant, contact your local field office. For technical issues accessing and using the OpFund web portal, contact REAC-TAC by calling 1-888-245-4860 option #4 or by sending an email to REAC_TAC@hud.gov.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards More than \$51 Million in Housing Counseling Grants

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has awarded \$51.4 million in housing counseling grants to 177 HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and intermediary organizations. This includes funding to HUD-approved housing counseling agencies that are partnering with Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), or other Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

The funding will support housing counseling agencies in their critical work to stop the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on housing, maintain housing stability by helping families with foreclosure and rental eviction prevention, and help families make more informed housing choices. The awards also include funding to further training and education to attract and retain more housing counseling professionals.

HUD-approved housing counseling agencies assist homebuyers in evaluating their readiness for a home purchase and navigating through the homebuying process. They also help households find affordable rental housing, offer financial literacy training to individuals and families, and provide foreclosure prevention counseling. Additionally, HUD-approved housing counseling agencies support emergency preparedness and disaster recovery efforts, assist homeless persons in finding transitional housing, and help seniors determine whether a reverse mortgage makes sense for them.

Click <u>here</u> to see a complete list of the grantees and the amounts they were awarded.



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