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PH PROGRAM NEWS

CY 2022 Operating Fund Inventory Validation Due Today

In an email to executive directors yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) reminded PHAs that they must contact their local field office by **today, January 5, 2022**, with corrections to their inventory of public housing developments eligible for operating fund (OpFund) grants for the 2022 funding year. This includes projects that should be added to the inventory because the projects are eligible for operating funds in 2022 and projects that should be removed from the inventory because the projects are not eligible for operating funds in 2022.

HUD published the inventory of public housing developments eligible for OpFund grants for the 2022 funding year in the [OpFund web portal](#). According to the email, HUD deploys the OpFund tools for the forms HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 based on the inventory.

Additional information related to CY 2022 OpFund processing can be found on the [2022 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Relief from Requirements to Assist with Disaster Recovery

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [notice](#) announcing the availability of waivers and flexibilities from HUD public housing and Section 8 regulatory and administrative requirements to public housing authorities (PHAs) to assist with recovery and relief efforts for families affected by presidentially declared disasters (PDDs). PHAs located within PDDs may request waivers of certain HUD public housing and Section 8 requirements and receive expedited review of their requests. The notice is organized as follows:

- Section I provides an outline for the notice
- Section II describes the operating subsidy flexibility allowed under 24 CFR 990.145(b) (public housing dwelling units with approved vacancies)
- Section III describes specific HUD requirements that may, per request and HUD approval, be waived or granted a flexibility to facilitate a PDD PHA's ability to participate in disaster relief and recovery efforts
- Section IV describes exceptions
- Section V provides instructions for PDD PHAs on how to submit waiver, flexibility, and exception requests

The notice states that a PDD PHA may request a waiver or flexibility of a HUD requirement not listed in Section III and receive an expedited review of the request if the PDD PHA demonstrates that the waiver or flexibility is needed to assist its disaster relief and recovery efforts. A PDD PHA may not adopt any requested waiver prior to receiving HUD approval.

Waivers and flexibilities set forth in the document are effective from January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2023. Further details can be found in the [notice](#).

HUD Announces Assistance for Arkansas and Colorado Disaster Survivors

In two press releases posted yesterday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for areas in the State of [Arkansas](#) impacted by severe storms and tornadoes from December 10 to December 11, 2021, and for areas in the State of [Colorado](#) affected by straight-line winds and wildfires from December 30, 2021, and continuing.

Two presidential major disaster declarations issued on [December 24, 2021](#), and [January 1, 2022](#), allow HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals living in impacted counties in Arkansas and Colorado. Effective immediately, for both states, 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 granted administrative flexibilities to waive or establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for various public housing 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 for the affected counties in both states. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.



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