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RAD PROGRAM NEWS

Second Component Closed Transactions and Potential Mod Rehab Lists Updated

Yesterday on the main Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has posted updated versions of the <u>Closed Transactions under the 2nd Component</u> and <u>Potential RAD Mod Rehab Projects</u> lists. Both lists are dated September 28, 2021. According to the announcement, more information can be found on the RAD2 webpage. You should use Microsoft Edge or Internet Explorer to open both Excel files.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the Tools page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (TYT) and the Tool of Tools (ToT) for the HCV program. The tools are current as of September 27, 2021. You can access the tools through HUD's Secure Systems.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Case against NH Mobile Home Park Owners

In a press release yesterday, HUD announced that it has reached an agreement with the owners and operators of a mobile home park in New Hampshire resolving allegations that they violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against a tenant with disabilities. Specifically, the owners denied a prospective homebuyer the opportunity to purchase a home at the park by refusing to make a reasonable accommodation from their age restrictions to permit the homebuyer's son, a person with severe disabilities, to live with his mother at the property.

The case came to HUD's attention when the mother, a caregiver for her adult son, filed a complaint alleging that the owners and operators of the park denied her request to make an exception to the park's 55-and-older age requirement to allow her son to live with her, preventing her from purchasing a home at the park. HUD filed a charge of discrimination on behalf of the mother and her son on July 22, 2021.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing providers from denying or limiting housing to persons with disabilities, or from refusing to make reasonable accommodations in their policies or practices when necessary to provide those with disabilities an equal opportunity to use or enjoy a dwelling. While the Act permits housing providers, under certain circumstances, to maintain a general policy of offering housing only to persons over 55, those policies are subject to the reasonable accommodation requirement.

Under the consent order, the defendants will pay \$15,000 to the complainant for damages arising out of the allegations, attend fair housing training, and revise the mobile home park's reasonable accommodation and 55-and-older housing community policies.

HUD Announces Assistance for Vermont Disaster Survivors

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for areas in the State of Vermont affected by a severe storm and flooding from July 29 to July 30, 2021. A presidential <u>major disaster declaration</u> issued on September 29, 2021, allows HUD to offer assistance to affected families living in impacted counties. According to the press release, effective immediately, the Department will:

- Grant a <u>90-day moratorium</u> on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under <u>HUD's Section 203(h)</u> program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under <u>HUD's</u> Section 203(k) program
- Make <u>information on housing providers</u> 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, contact your local CPD program office.
- · Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility through disaster waivers. Click here to see the notice for PHAs on disaster waivers and administrative flexibilities.
- Ensure <u>HUD-approved housing counseling agencies</u> are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Click <u>here</u> for more information about disaster resources.



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