



October 28, 2020

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts FSS Proposed Rule Materials

This week on the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted new materials related to the [proposed rule](#), published on September 21, 2020. The resources include:

- [FSS Proposed Rule Oct 8, 2020 Webinar recording](#)
- [FSS Proposed Rule Oct 8, 2020 Webinar Powerpoints](#)
- [FSS Proposed Rule Oct 8, 2020 Webinar Q&A](#)

As you know, the proposed rule would implement changes to FSS program as required by the “Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.” Comments are due by November 20, 2020.

OLHCHH Awards \$9.4 Million for Technical Studies

HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) [announced](#) this week that it has awarded \$9.4 million in research grants to 13 universities and public health organizations. The grants, awarded under HUD’s Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program for fiscal year 2020, are designated to improve the department’s and the public’s knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards. The funds will be used to improve methods to identify and control residential health hazards, such as pests, injuries, and asthma triggers. Click [here](#) for a project-by-project summary of the program awards.

HUD Announces SHOP Awards

In a [press release](#) Monday, [HUD](#) announced that it has awarded \$10 million in “sweat equity” grants to four non-profit self-help housing organizations through the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program ([SHOP](#)). The funding is expected to create at least 536 affordable homes for hard-working, low-income families and individuals. The four awardees and the amount of funding for each organization are as follows:

- [Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.](#) (\$5,341,907)
- [Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation](#) (\$2,043,781)
- [Community Frameworks](#) (\$1,320,232)
- [Housing Assistance Council](#) (\$1,294,080)

These grants, along with the labor contributions from homebuyers and volunteers, will significantly lower the cost of construction, helping more working families become homeowners. You can find individual project descriptions at the bottom of the [press release](#).

HUD Kicks Off National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

In [press release](#) yesterday, [HUD](#) formally marked the kick-off of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) 2020 (October 25–31). As stated in the press release, lead poisoning is only detectable by blood testing, and to create more awareness, NLPPW’s three main messages are: get the facts, get your home tested, and get your child tested.

As you know, HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes ([OLHCHH](#)) has a website devoted to NLPPW, located [here](#). Resources available on the site include a [partner information kit](#), a [Sample Social Media Package](#), a [special webinar program](#), and various sample posters. The [webinars](#) include sessions on how to safely renovate and repair, and lead poisoning prevention efforts during COVID-19.



For help with your PIH Alert subscription, email [Laurie Durrett](#). For questions and comments on content, email [Olga Vélez](#). To view or post job announcements at our website, click [here](#). To view our seminar calendar, click [here](#). To read the NMA blog, click [here](#).

