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PH PROGRAM NEWS

SF-424 and Related Forms Now Available on OpFund Web Portal

Yesterday via the Financial Management Division (FMD) email list, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) [announced](#) that the SF-424, HUD-50071, and SF-LLL electronic forms are now available on the [operating fund web portal](#) and are open to PHAs on October 20, 2021.

PHAs must submit their forms SF-424 and, if necessary, HUD-50071 and SF-LLL for the calendar year 2022 operating fund grants by **November 5, 2021**. Only the PHA’s executive director may sign and submit the forms. If you need help to complete the forms in the OpFund web portal, follow the [user guide](#) and training video in the SF-424 and related forms module. You can consult Notice [PIH 2017-04](#) for questions on the applicability of the forms HUD-50071 and SF-LLL.

PIH is offering two trainings on completing the forms for PHA staff, software providers and fee accountants that support your PHA. The dates are as follows:

- [Monday, October 25, 2021](#) (10:30–11:30 a.m. Eastern Time)
- [Tuesday, October 26, 2021](#) (1:30–2:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

Before attending, participants need to make sure that PHA’s WASS security coordinator provides them with the appropriate access to the OpFund web portal:

- PHA Executive Directors must obtain the OPD role
- PHA staff may obtain the OPE role
- PHA read only staff may obtain the OPI role

Note that users can only have one role and only the PHA’s executive director can have the OPD Role. Please refer to the [email](#) for instructions on how to access the trainings. Contact your field office with any other questions.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts HCV Landlord Newsletter

Recently on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [posted](#) the most recent issue of the HCV Landlord Newsletter. The publication, which is issued on a quarterly basis, provides tips for landlords on working with the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program, regulatory updates, research, and stories from HCV landlords, tenants, and PHAs from around the country. The current issue, dated October 2021, covers the following topics:

- Meet HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge
- Increased rent relief for landlords and tenants
- A look back at the HCV program
- A spotlight on the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, which has adopted several COVID-19 flexibilities to help staff stay responsive to landlords during the pandemic.

You can access the newsletter [here](#) on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Racial and Sex Discrimination Case against AZ Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has approved a [conciliation agreement](#) between the owners of an apartment complex in Tucson, Arizona, the city of Tucson, and an African-American same-sex couple residing at the complex. The agreement resolves allegations that the owners and manager of the complex discriminated on the basis of sex and race when they failed to address the couple’s complaints of neighbor harassment.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits discrimination based on race and sex, which includes discrimination because of sexual orientation. The Act also prohibits housing providers from failing to take prompt actions to correct and end discriminatory harassment by other tenants where the housing provider knew or should have known of the discrimination.

The case came to HUD’s attention when an African-American same-sex couple filed a complaint alleging that a neighbor was harassing them, including throwing rocks and yelling racial and sexual slurs and insults. In addition, the couple claimed that the property manager retaliated against them for complaining about the harassment by transferring them to a unit that contained mold and had other deficiencies.

Under the terms of the agreement, the housing providers will pay \$15,000 to the couple, create a tracking system for all reports of harassment and respond in a timely manner, and provide fair housing training for their employees.



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