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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Extends Application Deadline for CY 2021 Renewal Adjustment Funding

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2021-32 announcing that it is extending the application deadline for calendar year (CY) 2021 renewal adjustment funding for PHAs that experienced a significant increase in voucher per unit costs (PUCs) due to extraordinary circumstances. The new due date is Wednesday, December 21, 2021, by 5:00 p.m., per the PHA's time zone.

This notice updates Notice PIH 2021-23, published on July 21, 2021, which describes eligible categories, eligibility requirements, allocation methodology, and application instructions for PHAs to apply for adjustments to CY 2021 housing assistance payments (HAP) renewal funding for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and Mainstream Vouchers appropriated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

According to today's notice, to be considered for eligibility under the extraordinary circumstances category of the CY 2021 renewal adjustment funding through the ARP Act, PHAs must submit their applications in accordance with requirements described in section 3(A) of Notice PIH 2021-23 by the new submission deadline of December 21, 2021. PHAs that applied for funding adjustment for per unit costs increases and unforeseen circumstances under Notice PIH 2021-23 may reapply under this notice. However, awards provided based on the initial applications will be reduced from the new eligibility award.

The notice also states that HUD will not reprocess previously submitted applications that were denied because they arrived after the deadline date or because they did not meet the eligibility criteria. PHAs that were denied for any reason are invited to resubmit a new application by the extended deadline date if they believe they meet the per unit cost increase and level of reserves criteria during the last part of CY 2021.

HUD Updates Emergency Housing Vouchers FAQs

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has updated the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). New and updated questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated November 29, 2021.

Funding for EHVs was appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local PHAs to assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or who were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

You can find the FAQs and other EHVs resources on this page at HUD's website.

HUD Posts Updated PBV Program Cap Calculation Worksheet

HUD has posted an updated program cap calculation worksheet to its project-based vouchers (PBV) website. The website notes that the worksheet has been recently updated and users should download this new version, dated November 3, 2021.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces SHOP Awards

In a press release yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$10 million in Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) grants. The funds will support three national and regional organizations in facilitating innovative homeownership opportunities to communities, especially low-income communities, through the provision of self-help housing. The three awardees and the amount of funding for each organization are as follows:

- Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. (\$4,156,924)
- Housing Assistance Council (\$3,200,831)
- <u>Community Frameworks</u> (\$2,642,245)

You can find individual project descriptions at the bottom of the press release.

Treasury Posts October ERAP Report

Yesterday the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) posted the October ERA report, which shows that more than 521,000 renters received emergency rental assistance in October, totaling more than \$2.8 billion in payments. You can find more ERA resources on the ERAP website.



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