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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Announces Trainings on SF-424, HUD-50071, and SF-LLL Web-Base Forms

Today on the Financial Management Division (FMD) email list, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced the implementation of the SF-424, HUD-50071, and SF-LLL web-based forms. PIH plans to deploy the forms in the [operating fund web portal](#). HUD is offering three trainings for the new web-based forms. The dates are as follows:

- Monday, December 14, 2020 (2:30–3:45 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (2:30–3:45 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020 (2:30–3:45 p.m. Eastern Time)

In the [registration page](#), you must select a training date or, if the training dates do not work for you, select the future training date option. Attendees must use Google Chrome to view the training. Before attending the training, 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.

HUD-VASH NEWS

HUD Awards \$46 Million for New VASH Vouchers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded \$46 million in rental assistance and housing vouchers to help veterans at risk of experiencing homelessness. The funding is provided under the HUD–Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)) supportive housing ([HUD-VASH](#)) program, which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA.

As the announcement states, HUD-VASH vouchers enable homeless veterans to obtain affordable and decent housing in the private market. Veterans rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. Rental assistance and supportive services provided through HUD-VASH are a critical resource for local communities in ending homelessness among veterans. Click [here](#) for a state-by-state list of the new awards.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Four Discrimination Lawsuits

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has approved a [conciliation agreement](#) between the owners of rental apartments in Connecticut, and a prospective woman applicant, settling claims that they allegedly refused to rent to her because she has a child. According to the agreement, the defendants denied the allegations but agreed to settle the claims. Under the terms of the agreement, the respondents will pay the complainant \$12,500, eliminate or remove any discriminatory policy or practice that limits or restricts tenants or applicants with children under the age of 18 years old, advertise to families with children, and attend fair housing training.

In another [press release](#) HUD announced that housing providers in California will pay \$27,000 under a [consent order](#) resolving allegations that they discriminated against a tenant by denying her a reasonable accommodation request related to her disability. The defendants will also grant the tenant the requested reasonable accommodation, make available their reasonable accommodation policy at the property and on their website, and attend fair housing training.

HUD has also [announced](#) that it has approved a [conciliation agreement](#) between housing providers in California, and a female resident of one of its properties and a local fair housing organization, resolving allegations that a maintenance worker sexually harassed the woman, and that after the woman reported the harassment she was retaliated against by being denied a reasonable accommodation she needed due to her disability and ultimately evicted. Under the terms of the agreement, the respondents will pay \$8,667.00 to the woman, \$4,333.00 to the local organization, and comply with all of the provisions of the Fair Housing Act.

Likewise, HUD [announced](#) that it has reached a [voluntary compliance agreement](#) with a city in California, resolving allegations that the city's Rental Registration, Crime-Free Rental Housing, and Abatement of Chronic Nuisance programs were enacted for discriminatory reasons and targeted minority residents in violation of [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#). Under the terms of the agreement, the city will repeal the ordinances that established the programs and create a remediation fund of \$200,000 to improve housing conditions for low or moderate-income households, including by proactively addressing potential code violations.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing providers from denying housing or impose different rental terms and conditions based on disability, race, national origin, color, religion, sex, or familial status. It also makes it unlawful to refuse reasonable accommodation requests and sexually harass a tenant, including conditioning housing on the tenant's acquiescence to sexual demands.



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