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PH PROGRAM NEWS

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

Yesterday on 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](#).

PHAs must submit their forms SF-424 and, if necessary, HUD-50071 and SF-LLL for the calendar year (CY) 2021 operating fund grant by **January 15, 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](#). You can consult Notice [PIH 2017-04](#) for questions on the applicability of the forms HUD-50071 and SF-LLL to your PHA.

PIH is offering three trainings on the SF-424 and related forms for PHAs and organizations that support PHAs. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, December 16, 2020 (2:30–3:45 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (10:30–11:45 a.m. Eastern Time)
- Thursday, January 7, 2021 (2:30–3:45 p.m. Eastern Time)

If you need additional assistance, contact REAC - Technical Assistance Center (TAC) by calling 1-888-245-4860 Option #4 or by emailing [REAC\\_TAC@hud.gov](mailto:REAC_TAC@hud.gov). Please contact your field office with any other questions.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Racial Discrimination Suit against Housing Authority in OK

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the U.S. Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has filed a [lawsuit](#) against a housing authority in Oklahoma and its former employees alleging that they violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) and [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) by denying housing to an African-American applicant and her young child because of their race.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability. In addition, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin in programs or activities that receive federal funds.

The lawsuit arose when an African-American mother and her five-year-old daughter, who lived in a shelter, were seeking affordable housing with the help of a local legal aid organization. The complaint alleges that when a legal aid employee first contacted the housing authority on behalf of the woman, they said that there were units available, but when the housing authority reviewed the application and learned that they were African- Americans, they denied it and told the applicants that there were no apartments available. The legal aid organization then conducted testing confirming that the housing authority, which receives funds from HUD and manages 25 apartments, was discriminating against African-American applicants.

The applicant and the legal aid organization subsequently filed a complaint with HUD. After an investigation, HUD determined that the defendants had violated the Fair Housing Act and Title VI and referred the matter to DOJ for litigation. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages for the complainants and a court order barring future discrimination.



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