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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Notice on IMS/PIC Development Submodule Reporting

Today HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2021-35 to help ensure that PHAs maintain and submit accurate, timely, and reliable unit designations in the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center (IMS/PIC) development submodule. As the notice explains, the accuracy of this information is critical because it impacts performance scores and funding levels.

The notice supersedes and replaces Notice PIH 2011-7. As with the previous notice, today's 18page notice provides detailed guidance on the unit tenant status categories and subcategories in the IMS/PIC development submodule, with key changes to the following provisions:

- Sub-section 5.2 Process Decouples the request for HUD approval from the IMS/PIC submission. Requires PHAs to obtain any requisite HUD approval letter prior to making a submission in IMS/PIC.
- Sub-Section 5.4.3a Undergoing Modernization: Indicates that units that are vacant to undertake planned modernization or where work is underway are eligible for this category.
- Sub-Section 5.4.3d Casualty Loss: Carries forward the eligibility requirements for this category set forth in Notice PIH 2016-13.
- Sub-Section 5.4.3e Vacant due to Market Conditions: Removes the five-year maximum duration for vacant due to Market Conditions status. Clarifies that Market Conditions is an appeal must therefore apply to the PHA's entire public housing portfolio.
- Sub-Section 5.4.1(e) MTW Neighborhood Services: A new sub-category has been added so that MTW Neighborhood Services units can be categorized as occupied if housing families.
- Sub-Section 5.4.4. Units that do not qualify for the merged unit category or Section 18 demolition or disposition, that are reconfigured, demolished, or sold should not be placed in a non-dwelling category. Rather, if a PHA reconfigures a unit, it should change the ACC, Capital Fund, and Operating Fund indicators to 'No' in PIC. This is an alternative treatment to placing such units in the non-dwelling unauthorized category.
- Section 6 Importance of Timely and Accurate Submissions: Requires PHAs to submit requests for HUD approval of unit status changes within 30 days of the requested effective date and make the submission in IMS/PIC within 60 days. HUD generally will pull unit status data from IMS-PIC to prepopulate Section 2 of the form HUD-52723 60 days from the end of the reporting period for the forthcoming funding year.
- Section 7 Job Aids: Updated the web link used to access the Job Aid webpage.

The notice also discusses the importance of submitting accurate information to IMS/PIC in a timely manner. Further details can be found in the notice.

PIH Issues Notice on CARES Act OpFund Closeout Procedures

Today HUD's PIH Office also issued Notice PIH 2021-36, outlining the requirements PHAs must complete related to the end of the period of performance for supplemental operating funds provided through the CARES Act. The notice applies to PHAs administering the Public Housing program and is only relevant to CARES Act supplemental operating funds. According to the notice:

- PHAs must incur all eligible CARES Act expenses by the end of the performance period, December 31, 2021.
- PHAs should liquidate all obligations incurred under the award no later than 120 calendar days after this end date.
- PHAs must submit an SF-425 for each CARES Act grant via the Operating Fund Web Portal by April 30, 2022, reporting on the status of CARES Act Supplemental Operating Subsidy as of December 31, 2021. HUD will recapture any funds reported as unobligated.
- PHAs reporting unliquidated obligations on their initial SF-425 submissions are required to submit an additional SF-425 to report on the status of those funds as of December 31st of the following year. PHAs reporting unliquidated obligations on subsequent SF-425s in any year will be required to submit SF-425s the following year, until all funds are reported to have been drawn down, or the funds will cancel on September 30, 2026.
- On April 30, 2022, any funds remaining in LOCCS will be locked. To draw down CARES Act funds after April 30, 2022, PHAs will be required to follow the process outlined in the notice to validate that the funds were obligated for eligible activities on or before December 31, 2021.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the Tools page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (TYT) and the Tool of Tools (ToT) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of December 16, 2021. For further details, visit the Tools page.



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