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## PH PROGRAM NEWS

### PIH Posts Explanation and Letters for January and February Obligations

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has [posted](#) a [document](#) explaining public housing operating fund obligations for January and February 2021. According to the document, January and February obligations are based on the selected elements of final 2020 Operating Fund eligibility and 2021 HUD-52723 prepopulated data. At the beginning of the year, before Operating Subsidy forms are processed and current year eligibility determined, HUD normally estimates eligibility based upon the data used to prepopulate the Operating Subsidy tools.

As you know, all operating subsidy obligations are cumulative. As such, to the extent that excess amounts were cumulatively obligated to a project previously, its next obligation will reflect a relative decrease. To the extent that insufficient amounts were cumulatively obligated to a project previously, its next obligation will reflect a relative increase.

For the January and February funding, the Department considered 2020 estimate eligibility and the 2020 appropriation amount to provide an interim proration level of approximately 95.23%. The final proration will reflect the difference in the amount of the final approved PHA eligibility and the 2021 Appropriation Act.

PIH has also posted the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for January and February. As usual, the letters to all PHAs in the same state are combined in a single file, which you can access through the map on [this webpage](#). You'll find links to the explanation and letters on the [2021 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund](#) website.

## GENERAL NEWS

### OIG Releases Semiannual Report to Congress

HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG) released its [semiannual report to Congress for the second half of federal fiscal year \(FFY\) 2020](#) (April 1 – September 30, 2020). A five-page summary of OIG audits and investigations of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) programs is in Chapter 2.

You'll find a link to the semiannual report on [this page](#) at [OIG's website](#).

### HUD Announces FSS Awards

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the recipients of approximately \$78 million in funding for the family self-sufficiency (FSS) program. As previously announced, funding for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and public housing (PH) FSS programs was combined again this year.

You can view a state-by-state list of all the recipients [here](#).

## PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published the third issue of [Cityscape](#) for 2020. The [issue](#) focuses on a retrospective evaluation of the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) demonstration. Articles that may be of interest include:

- [A Picture of Moving to Work Agencies' Housing Assistance](#)
- [Moving to Work Agencies' Use of Funding Flexibility](#)
- [Moving to Work Agencies' Use of Project-Based Voucher Assistance](#)
- [Can Diverse Activities Have a Combined Impact? Examining the Effects of the Moving to Work Demonstration on Housing Choice and Self-Sufficiency Outcomes](#)
- [Fund More, Serve More, Save More: Moving to Work and Cost-Effectiveness](#)

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