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PH PROGRAM NEWS

OCI Posts High Performer List for 2021 Capital Fund Calculation

In preparation for calculating Capital Fund Formula Grants for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, HUD's Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) has posted [an Excel spreadsheet listing PHAs that were designated high performers in FFY 2019 under the Public Housing Assessment System \(PHAS\)](#). The Department is using the FFY 2019 PHAS designations to determine which PHAs will receive the high performer bonus for the 2021 formula calculation. As noted in the announcement, FFY 2019 corresponds to the following fiscal year end quarters: 12/31/2018, 3/31/2019, 6/30/2019, and 9/30/2019.

PHAs are responsible for validating whether they are on the high performer list by carefully reviewing the spreadsheet. Any errors must be reported to PHAS@hud.gov by **January 15, 2021**, without exception.

PIH Releases Updated OpFund Web Portal Resources

Yesterday on the Public Housing Financial Management Division (PH-FMD) [email list](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) announced that it has released a [training video](#) on completing the form SF-424 for the Operating Fund Grant in the [Operating Fund \(OpFund\) Web Portal](#). In addition, PIH has also updated the following OpFund Web Portal user guides:

- [Assigning WASS Roles for the OpFund Portal](#) (including steps to unassign user roles)
- [SF-424 and Related Forms Module in the OpFund Portal](#)

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GENERAL NEWS

Congress Passes Omnibus Appropriations, COVID-19 Relief Bill

Last night Congress passed a [legislative package](#) that includes a \$1.4 trillion omnibus appropriations bill along with \$900 billion in pandemic relief. The Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) title of the FY 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act includes:

- \$2.765 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund and \$4.839 billion for the Public Housing Operating Fund
- \$23.08 billion for Section 8 tenant-based HAP renewal funding and \$2.129 billion for ongoing administrative fees
- \$105 million for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), \$35 million for Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS), and \$15 million for [Jobs Plus](#)
- \$200 million for [Choice Neighborhoods](#)

As for COVID-19 relief, while the package does not include any direct funding for PHAs or HUD programs, it does include \$25 billion in rent relief for states and jurisdictions operating

emergency rental assistance programs for local tenants and landlords. The bill also extends the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) Eviction Moratorium through January 31, 2021.

The package now moves to the President to sign before becoming officially enacted.

REAC Posts *Get NSPIREd* Newsletter

The Real Estate Assessment Center ([REAC](#)) has [posted](#) the most recent issue of its newsletter on the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ([NSPIRE](#)), *Get NSPIREd*. The new issue, dated December 2020, includes a look back at NSPIRE over the last year.

As you know, the NSPIRE [demonstration](#) was announced last year to overhaul HUD's inspection process and test new approaches for making certain PHAs and owners provide housing that is safe and livable. NSPIRE will eventually be implemented as a single inspection protocol for public housing and HCV units.



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