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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH to Hold Additional Lab Sessions for OpFund Web Portal

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 scheduled two more lab sessions on the [Operating Fund \(OpFund\) Web Portal](#):

- [Monday, December 28, 2020](#) (2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Eastern time)
- [Tuesday, December 29, 2020](#) (2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Eastern time)

As you know, the lab sessions are meant to guide WASS security coordinators in assigning appropriate user roles for the portal, describe the appropriate user roles for the users' needs, and to respond to questions. WASS security coordinators, PHA staff, and the PHA's third-party staff are invited to attend. As the announcement states, attendees must use Google Chrome to participate and the Q and A panel to request or ask questions. In submitting questions, attendees are asked to provide their user ID, PHA code, and a short description of their issue.

To join the FMD email list, click [here](#).

HUD Awards Over \$34 Million in Emergency Safety and Security Grants

In a [press release](#) issued today, HUD announced that it has awarded \$34 million to three PHAs for emergency and security improvements under the [Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security and Natural Disaster programs](#). The grants will be used to address emergency conditions affecting public housing residents' health and safety and threats that pose a risk to the safety and security of residents. These include but not limited to elevator failure, boiler failure, water intrusion causing mold growth, sewer line failure, severe electrical problems, lead-based paint hazards, carbon monoxide and radon hazards, local building code violations, and safety and security needs. A complete list of the grantees and the amounts they were awarded can be found in the [press release](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

HUD has also announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of [training webinars](#) on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is

relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled "[NTIA's Broadband Leaders Programs Overview](#)," is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to register.



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