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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Op Sub Obligation Letters for January and February

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has [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 obligation letters on the [2022 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

PIH Announces UEL Inflation Factor

On the [2022 operating fund grant processing page](#), PIH has posted a [PDF document](#) announcing that the inflation factor to be used in the HUD-52722 tools for calculating calendar year (CY) 2022 utility expense levels (UELs) is **1.0313**. The document also explains how PIH calculated the inflation factor. The calculation involves determining the weighted rate of change in utility costs during the reporting period (2.08 percent) and then inflating it to the anticipated rate that PHAs will pay during the funding period (3.13 percent).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Webinar Materials to the HCV Landlord Resources Webpage

Last week on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) added the [recording](#) and [presentation materials](#) for the “Landlord-Focused Customer Service” webinar that was held on November 4, 2021.

The webinar walked through the latest published chapter of the [HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook](#), which focuses on ways that PHAs can improve their HCV program and landlord satisfaction by intentionally focusing on landlord customer service.

The goal of the HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook is to share strategies that PHAs can implement to improve landlord participation in the HCV program. You can find the published chapters, previous webinars, and additional materials on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

HUD has 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.

During the latest scheduled webinar, titled “[Working with Libraries: Best Practices and Case Study Examples](#),” representatives from Libraries Without Borders US (LWB US) will highlight relevant projects from across the country, sharing best practice tips on how to engage and work with public libraries and other stakeholders and organizations. LWB US is a nonprofit organization that transforms underused spaces into connected learning places, delivering access to information, technology, and cultural resources, with a particular emphasis on underserved communities.

The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 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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