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MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Form HUD-50058 MTW Expansion

Yesterday on the Moving to Work Demonstration ([MTW](#)) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that the Office of Management and Budget ([OMB](#)) has approved form [HUD-50058 MTW Expansion](#). According to the announcement, the new form, which is derived from form [HUD-50058](#) and [HUD-50058 MTW](#), will be used by MTW Expansion PHAs to submit tenant-level data to HUD in PIC-NG since certain MTW flexibilities prevent MTW PHAs from submitting tenant-level data on form HUD-50058. The form was developed to allow HUD to collect the information needed to evaluate each of the MTW Expansion PHAs and cohorts, as required by Congress.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against MA Property Manager

In a [press release](#) Monday, the U.S. Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against a property manager in Massachusetts for subjecting female tenants to sexual harassment. [DOJ's complaint](#) alleges that the manager of residential rental properties violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) by sexually harassing tenants on multiple occasions since at least 2008.

The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful for housing providers to sexually harass a tenant, including conditioning housing on the tenant's acquiescence to sexual demands. According to the complaint, the property manager subjected female tenants to unwelcome sexual contact, locked tenants in his office, implicitly offered to grant tangible benefits, such as rent payment plans, in exchange for engaging in sexual acts with him, and threatened tenants who resisted or objected to his unwelcome sexual harassment. The owners of the properties, two family trusts, are alleged to be liable for the manager's conduct.

The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate the victims, civil penalties to vindicate the public interest, and a court order barring future discrimination. The complaint contains allegations of unlawful conduct, which must be proven in federal court.

In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division [announced](#) the [Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative](#). The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 20 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing. The Attorney General recently [reaffirmed this commitment](#) by directing the Justice Department to deploy all available enforcement tools against anyone who tries to capitalize on the COVID-19 crisis by sexually harassing people in need of housing.



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