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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Explanation and Letters for March and April Obligations

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted a document explaining public housing operating fund obligations for March and April 2022. According to the document, at the beginning of the year, before operating subsidy forms are processed and current year eligibility determined, HUD normally estimates eligibility. March and April obligations are based on the selected elements of final 2021 operating fund eligibility and 2022 HUD-52723 prepopulated data. At the portfolio level, the estimate is generally very accurate. However, once HUD changes from funding based on estimates to funding based on actual HUD-52723 data submitted by PHAs, project level funding eligibility may fluctuate significantly.

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 (and possibly future obligations depending upon the amount of the overfunding) will reflect a relative decrease. To the extent that insufficient amounts were cumulatively obligated to a project previously, its next obligation (and possibly future obligations depending upon the amount of the underfunding) will reflect a relative increase.

For the March and April funding, the Department considered estimate eligibility to set an interim proration level of 95%. The final proration will reflect the difference in the amount of the final approved PHA eligibility and the 2022 Appropriation Act. HUD plans to make this round of funding available through eLOCCS no later than February 18, 2022. The next round of funding is expected to be available in eLOCCS no later than May 1, 2022.

PIH has also posted the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for March and April. 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 2022 operating fund grant processing page at the operating fund website.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Assistance for Hawaii Disaster Survivors

In a press release yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas of Hawaii affected by severe storms, flooding, and landslides during the period of December 5 and December 10, 2021.

A presidential major disaster declaration issued on February 15, 2022, allows HUD to offer assistance to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of damaged facilities in impacted counties. Effective immediately, the Department will:

- Grant a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under HUD's Section 203(h) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under HUD's Section 203(k) program
- Make information on housing providers and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, contact your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click here for the latest Federal Register disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice PIH 2021-34, which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Ensure HUD-approved housing counseling agencies are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click here for more information about disaster resources.



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