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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Reminds PHAs to Submit HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 Excel Tools

In an email to executive directors yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) mailing list, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) reminded that PHAs must submit their HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 Excel tools through the operating fund (OpFund) web portal by Monday, February 14, 2022.

The Department recommends that PHAs submit their forms early to avoid any issues that come from too many users using the OpFund web portal at the same time. HUD calculates PHA's operating fund grant eligibility for the remainder of calendar year from the submitted Excel tools. PHAs that submit their Excel tools late create delays in being funded based on their actual eligibility and, as a result, experience wider changes in their monthly obligations. The email includes the following training videos on how to complete and submit the PHA tools, and how to obtain the correct OpFund web portal user roles:

- Complete the PHA HUD-52723
- Complete the PHA HUD-52722
- Submit completed PHA tools
- · OpFund web portal user roles

For questions related to the PHA Excel tools and OpFund grant, contact your local field office. For technical issues accessing and using the OpFund web portal, contact REAC-TAC by calling 1-888-245-4860 option #4 or by sending an email to REAC TAC@hud.gov.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Case against NV Housing Providers

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has approved a <u>conciliation agreement</u> with a landlord and his property manager in Las Vegas, Nevada. The agreement resolves allegations that they discriminated against a prospective tenant by refusing to rent a property to her because she had an assistance animal.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing providers from discriminating against persons with disabilities, including refusing to make reasonable accommodations in policies or practices when such accommodations may be necessary to provide them an equal opportunity to use or enjoy a dwelling. Housing providers may not prohibit people with disabilities from having assistance animals that perform work or tasks or that provide disability-related emotional support.

The case came to HUD's attention when a prospective tenant filed a fair housing complaint alleging that she was denied the opportunity to rent a house because she had a dog who served as her assistance animal. The complainant alleged that after the lease was signed, the owner and manager learned that she had an assistance animal and refused to rent the house to her because of the dog.

Under the terms of the agreement, the owner will pay \$6,500 to the prospective tenant, and both the owner and property manager will attend fair housing training and comply with fair housing requirements for reasonable accommodations.



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