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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance on Capital Fund Safety and Security Grants

Yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice [PIH 2022-05](#) to provide guidance on emergency capital needs funding for safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity or a need for carbon monoxide detectors. The notice supersedes HUD’s previous guidance in Notice [PIH 2020-25](#), and it does not apply to funding for unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies or for non-presidentially declared natural disasters, which will be given funding priority on a rolling basis. Below are some highlights of the notice:

- All applications received by the due date will be entered into a lottery designed to achieve a broad national distribution of funds.
- Beginning with the first application on the lottery list, applications will be reviewed to assess whether they meet the eligibility criteria of the notice.
- HUD will fund eligible applications in lottery list order until all funds are exhausted.
- Effective with Notice [PIH 2019-22](#), the Department included the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning as a potential emergency safety need for public housing residents and it may elect at its option to include costs for the purchase, repair, replacement, and installation of carbon monoxide detectors as eligible activities for emergency safety and security grant funding.
- The emergencies for which funding is requested must have occurred within the federal fiscal year (October 1–September 30) in which the funds were appropriated.
- The maximum award will be \$250,000. A PHA may request funding to meet the safety and security needs of more than one public housing development so long as the total funding it requests does not exceed \$250,000.
- Funding is intended to provide one-time assistance for emergency measures that a PHA cannot absorb within its capital fund budget.
- Applications must include a thorough explanation of how the identified crime or drug-related activity at the PHA or in the close vicinity has increased the threat to the health and safety their public housing residents, or how the PHA has determined a safety emergency which requires the purchase, repair, replacement, or installation of carbon monoxide detectors.
- To be considered complete, applications must include the documents listed in section XI of the notice.

The due date for applications will be posted on [OCI's website](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Notice on Reallocation of EHV's Awards

Yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice [PIH 2022-06](#) to explain HUD’s process for reallocating Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) awards that are voluntarily returned to HUD. As part of this process, the notice updates the EHV’s award allocation formula found in Section 4 of Notice [PIH 2021-15](#). Some key points of yesterday’s notice are as follows:

- In the reallocation process, HUD will use the results of the EHV formula to distribute these allocations while updating the capacity component of the formula to maximize the number of households that may be served by this emergency program.
- The reallocated vouchers will only be available for high-capacity PHAs that have a high utilization rate of EHV’s (95 percent or higher). Among those PHAs that are high utilizers, the formula allocation will be proportional to their leased EHV’s among all leased vouchers of PHAs with high utilization rates.
- EHV utilization is based on the EHV leasing data as reported in HUD’s Inventory Management/Public Housing Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)) system. HUD will begin using the IMS/PIC data for EHV reallocation purposes 30 days following the issuance of the notice.
- To maximize the number of households served by the EHV program, HUD will promptly reallocate returned awards on an ongoing basis according to the steps listed on Section 4 of the notice.
- PHAs that accept an additional allocation of EHV’s under this process will receive the issuance reporting fee, on-going administrative fee, and service fee as described in Section 6 of Notice PIH 2021-15.
- PHAs that wish to return all or part of their EHV award must first notify HUD by sending an email to ehv@hud.gov. The PHA will then work with their assigned financial analyst to identify any associated EHV program funds which must be returned to HUD.
- HUD intends to issue a separate notice in 2022 that will describe the process HUD will use to revoke and reallocate EHV awards for a PHA’s failure to use vouchers promptly.

Further details can be found in the [notice](#).



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