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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Quarterly Regulatory Waivers

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a list of the regulatory waivers that it granted during the third quarter of calendar year 2021. HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) did not grant any waivers during this quarter, although, as you know, the CARES Act notices did provide waivers during this time.

PIH-REAC Announces Annual FDS Reporting Training

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)–Real Estate Assessment Center ([REAC](#)) [announced](#) that it will be hosting a two-day FDS reporting training. The event, which will be held virtually in four locations across the country, is designed for PHA financial analysts, fee accountants, accountants, auditors, and other individuals involved with the FASS-PH FDS submission process. The training will cover the following topics:

- The annual financial reporting requirements, submission process, and related filing timeframes.
- An overview of the different FASS reporting models based on a PHA's organizational structure.
- Guidance on how to report activities associated with the two major public housing programs (Operating Fund and Capital Fund).
- Guidance on how to report activities associated with the Housing Choice Voucher program on the FDS.
- An overview of the unaudited and audited submission process, including the IPA review process.

For information about dates, time, and registration, click [here](#). You'll find a link to the announcement on the [FASS-PH website](#).

HUD Awards Over \$2.6 Billion to Local Homeless Programs

In a [press release](#) Monday, HUD announced that it has awarded over \$2.6 billion in grants to support thousands of local homeless assistance programs across the country. The awards, provided under the 2021 Continuum of Care ([CoC](#)) grant funding, will provide support to approximately 7,000 local programs that serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

According to the announcement, the 2021 awards include approximately \$102 million for new domestic violence support projects. The awards also fund new projects that focus on adding permanent housing to communities, including new permanent supportive housing, new rapid rehousing, and projects that provide transitional housing to households and then shift them to rapid rehousing.

A list of awards by state is included in the press release. To view a complete list of all the state and local homeless projects awarded funding, click [here](#).

HUD to Enter New Computer Matching Agreement with SSA

In a [notice](#) published yesterday in the *Federal Register*, HUD announced that it will reestablish a computer matching agreement (CMA) with the Social Security Administration ([SSA](#)) for a recurring matching program with HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing and Office of Housing, involving comparisons of Social Security numbers (SSN) and benefit information provided by participants in any authorized HUD rental housing assistance program. The matching program will be carried out to detect inappropriate or inaccurate rental assistance. Specifically, the computer matching program will match HUD's tenant data to SSA's death data, Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits data. The CMA will become applicable 30 days after the publication of the notice unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice.

Treasury Posts New ERAP Resources

This week the U.S. Department of Treasury ([Treasury](#)) posted the following resources to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ([ERAP](#)) website:

- [ERA1 Reallocation Round 2 - General Pool](#)
- [ERA1 Reallocation Round 2 - Voluntary Reallocation to Designated Entities](#)

You can find more ERA resources on the [ERAP website](#).



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