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GENERAL NEWS

CDC Extends Order to Temporarily Halt Evictions

Today the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) published an [order](#) extending the original temporary eviction moratorium order until **June 30, 2021**.

Under the order, landlords and owners are temporarily prohibited from evicting any covered person from any residential property in any jurisdiction to which the order applies. A *covered person* is expected to use “their best efforts to obtain available government assistance for rent or housing.” The order does not apply to areas with the same or greater level of public health protections.

As you recall, the [order](#) to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 was originally implemented by CDC on September 4, 2020, with an expiration date of December 31, 2020. Then, the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law by President Trump on December 27, 2020, extended the CDC eviction moratorium until January 31, 2021. Later, on February 3, CDC published an [order](#) in the *Federal Register* extending the order until March 31, 2021.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Announces Preliminary OpFund Grant Eligibility for CY 2021

Last Friday via the Financial Management Division (FMD) email list, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it has published the preliminary operating fund (OpFund) grant eligibility for CY 2021 for all public housing developments based on HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 submissions. PHAs can review their preliminary OpFund eligibility in the PHA Form 52723/52722 Modules at the [OpFund web portal](#). If you do not have access to the portal, contact your PHA’s WASS coordinator to provide access.

PHAs should contact their local field office by email with any questions or comments about their eligibility. Request for corrections must be provided by email to their field office by Friday **April 2, 2021**. If you need additional assistance accessing the OpFund web portal, contact the REAC Technical Assistance Center ([TAC](#)) by calling 1-888-245-4860 Option #4 or by email to REAC_TAC@hud.gov.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates List of Eligible Uses of CARES Act Funding

Last Friday the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) revised the [list of eligible activities](#) for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act administrative fee funds for the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program. As you know, the CARES Act provided \$1.25 billion in supplemental HCV program appropriations to enable PHAs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The new eligible use added to the document is as follows:

- Costs for the technological needs, including computers and tablets, lent to program participants with school aged children being homeschooled as a result of the pandemic that are not and will not be provided through other federal, state, or local governments. The PHA, not the families, ultimately maintains possession of such devices. The devices are subject to the usual equipment regulations and cost reasonableness requirements in 2 CFR part 200.



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