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GENERAL NEWS

PIH Extends Deadline to Apply for Expedited Regulatory Waivers

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2022-04](#), which amends Notice [PIH 2021-34](#) solely by extending the deadline to apply for an expedited waiver from March 1, 2022, to **April 1, 2022**. The use of the expedited waiver process only applies to waivers explicitly stated in Section 5 of the notice. The document notes that no additional submission extensions will be issued. After April 1, PHAs may continue to request other regulatory waivers as necessary to operate its HCV and PH programs; however, they will not be subject to the expedited process.

As you recall, on December 9, 2021, PIH issued Notice PIH 2021-34 to advise PHAs that they may apply for certain regulatory waivers that were originally offered as part of the CARES Act waivers in Notice [PIH 2021-14](#) to provide continued flexibility during the pandemic and pandemic recovery. HUD will expeditiously respond to these waiver requests in accordance with Section 106 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989. The notice also provides for an expedited approval process for one new waiver in the HCV program related to payment standards that will help facilitate leasing and which was not part of the CARES Act waivers

The process to submit waiver requests is established in the [notice](#).

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH to Host Training Sessions on Completing Form SF-425

In an [email](#) sent yesterday to executive directors and PHA staff via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it will be hosting two training sessions for PHAs on completing the SF-425 (Federal Financial Report) in the [operating fund \(OpFund\) web portal](#). The training is targeted to PHA executive directors, PHA staff, and organizations that support PHAs.

According to the announcement, PHAs that received supplement operating funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) are required to submit an SF-425 for each grant. Notice [PIH 2021-36](#) establishes HUD reporting requirements and provides guidance for the CARES Act grant. The email also notes that HUD may update reporting requirements and guidance through future notices.

The training sessions dates are as follow. Click on each link to join.

- Tuesday, [March 22, 2022](#), from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time.
- Wednesday, [March 23, 2022](#), from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

The [email](#) contains the instructions on how to join the training and attaches the OpFund web portal [SF-425 User Guide](#), which instructs PHAs on how to submit their SF-425. HUD also published a [training video](#) for PHAs on how to submit the SF-425.

PIH-REAC Posts Document on New Unique Entity Identifier

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)–Real Estate Assessment Center ([REAC](#)) published a [document](#) titled "Financial Assessment Subsystem-Public Housing (FASS-PH) Unique Entity Identifier Update 2022 System Release," which indicates that effective **April 2022**, the federal government will stop using Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number to uniquely identify entities.

As the document states, entities doing business with the federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number created on the System of Award Management ([SAM](#)) website. The UEI number is mandatory for all financial submissions beginning with fiscal year end 3/31/2022.

Current SAM.gov registrants have already been assigned their UEI and can view it at [SAM website](#). For more information on how to view your UEI, click [here](#). For new users, SAM.gov registration can be completed at [SAM website](#). PHAs that need more information on obtaining the new UEI can refer to this [guide](#). Additional information about this transition and frequently asked questions can be found [here](#) at gsa.gov.

You'll find a link to the document on [this page](#).



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