

## April 6, 2021

#### PH PROGRAM NEWS

### Application Due Date for Emergency Safety Grants is June 2

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements (<u>OCI</u>) has <u>announced</u> the application deadline date for emergency safety and security funding for fiscal year (FY) 2021. HUD will fund \$10 million in the capital fund grants this year, the same amount that was funded in FY 2020. Applications for the grants, which provide funding for safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity and the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning in public housing developments, are due no later than **June 2, 2021**.

### Due Dates to Submit Audited Financial Information Have Been Extended

HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has <u>announced</u> that the due dates to submit audited financial information have been extended. On March 10, 2021, REAC issued a <u>letter</u> to executive directors providing advance notification of an extension of the audited financial information submission deadlines for PHAs with certain fiscal year end (FYE). That letter has been superseded by new guidance issued in OMB <u>M-21-20</u> on March 19, 2021.

According to the announcement, the new OMB guidance now provides a six-month extension of the single audit filing to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse for PHAs that have a FYE through June 30, 2021. HUD has exercised its authority to also provide a similar six-month extension for PHA audited filings as required under Uniform Financial Reporting Standards (UFRS) for both single audit and nonsingle audit PHAs. That is, the audited submission deadline for all PHAs with FYEs of March 31, 2020, to June 30, 2021, is extended by six months. Click <u>here</u> to view a table that shows the new deadlines to submit audited financial information based on a PHA's FYE.

# **HCV PROGRAM NEWS**

### PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the <u>Tools</u> page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (<u>HCV</u>) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (<u>TYT</u>) and the Tool of Tools (<u>ToT</u>) for the HCV program. The tools are current as of April 6, 2021. You can access the tools through HUD's Secure Systems.

### **GENERAL NEWS**

### HUD Awards \$5 Million to Promote Healthy Housing and Energy Efficiency

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has awarded \$5 million in demonstration grants to five local government and nonprofit organizations to help households with young children or seniors promote energy efficiency and healthy housing.

The funding is provided under a joint coordination between HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (<u>OLHCHH</u>) and the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance program. This model, intended to facilitate the leveraging of assets from both programs, will provide additional benefits to low-income households in the form of lower energy costs and a reduction in residential health and safety hazards. To read individual project descriptions, click <u>here</u>.

### HUD Strong Families to Hold Financial Webinar Series

The HUD <u>Strong Families Initiative</u> has announced that it will be holding a weekly webinar series in April as part of the Financial Capability Month. According to the announcement, every Tuesday in April Strong Families will feature a panel of experts providing informational sessions on how you can help HUD-assisted families access and manage their American Rescue Plan economic impact. The weekly webinars will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Topics and webinar dates are as follows:

- Financial Checking and Savings Accounts for HUD-Assisted Residents April 6
- Engaging with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Centers for Tax Prep/Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - April 13
- Predatory Practices Impacting Elders and People with Disabilities April 20
- Engaging HUD-Assisted Residents in Financial Empowerment April 27

No pre-registration necessary. Click on each link to add the webinars to your calendar and get instructions on how to access.



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