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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Explanation of CARES Act Funding and Obligation Letters

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has [posted](#) a [document](#) explaining public housing operating fund CARES Act obligations and COVID-19 needs. According to the document, the grant amounts have been calculated based on each project's pro rata Calendar Year (CY) 2020 operating fund eligibility. Unlike regular operating funds, which are made accessible to PHAs in 1/12th increments, the entire amount of the CARES Act funding is being obligated at once. The funds may not roll into a PHA's reserves. PHAs may only draw down the supplemental operating funds to fund eligible immediate needs and must be tracked and accounted for separately. In eLOCCS, the CARES Act grant numbers/project numbers will differ slightly from regular operating fund obligations. Similar to CY 2020 operating fund grants, they begin with the PIC project number, then the fiscal year followed by the letter D. However, for CARES Act funds, the letter C is appended to the end of the grant number.

The PIH Office has also posted the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for the CARES Act funding. As usual, the letters to all PHAs in the same state are combined in a single file, which you can access through the map on [this webpage](#). You'll find links to funding explanation and the obligation letters on the [2020 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts List of Eligible Coronavirus-Related Activities

On the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) page at HUD's website, the PIH Office has posted a [document](#) summarizing the list of eligible Coronavirus-related activities that were included in [CARES Act HCV funding notice](#) issued earlier this week:

- Procuring cleaning supplies and/or services to maintain safe and sanitary HCV units, including common areas of PHA-owned project-based voucher (PBV) projects.
- Relocation of participating families to health units or other designated units for testing, hospitalization, or quarantine, or transportation to these locations to limit the exposure that could be caused by using mass
- Additional costs to supportive services vendors incurred due to coronavirus.

- Costs to retain or increase owner participation in the HCV program, such as incentive costs (e.g., the PHA offers owner an incentive payment to participate in recognition of added difficulties of making units available for HCV families to rent while stay-at-home orders or social distancing practices are in effect).
- Costs for providing childcare for the children of PHA staff that would not have otherwise been incurred (e.g., children at home due to school closings, PHA staff are working outside regular work schedules, etc.).
- Costs associated with the delivery of goods, including food and medical supplies that comply with the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) requirements, to program participants.
- Public health-related security costs to enforce orders to shelter-in-place, stay-at-home orders or visitor-restriction policies for PHA-owned PBV projects.
- Administration costs associated with the implementation of coronavirus-related activities that are not eligible HCV administrative costs (e.g., paying overtime to staff to carry out these coronavirus-related activities).
- Other costs either directly or indirectly related to coronavirus as determined eligible on a case-by-case basis at the Secretary's discretion.

The [document](#), updated as of April 30, also includes an additional COVID-19 eligible expense that was not mentioned in the notice—the hiring of temporary employees to maintain program operations due to coronavirus. You'll find a link to the document and other HCV program resources on [this page](#) at HUD's website.



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