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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Awards \$51 Million Under LBP Capital Fund Program

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded nearly \$51.4 million to 25 public housing agencies in 19 states to identify and reduce lead-based paint hazards in thousands of older public housing units. The grants, provided under the Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program, will be targeted to public housing units currently occupied by families with young children.

The Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program helps PHAs “evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in public housing by carrying out the activities of risk assessments, abatement, and interim controls.” A complete list of all of the PHAs awarded funding under the program can be found at the bottom of the [press release](#).

OCI Updates Faircloth Limits

The Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has posted an [updated list](#) of the Faircloth limits for all PHAs in the country. The limits represent the maximum number of public housing units eligible for capital and operating subsidy as of March 31, 2021. As the webpage states, PHAs are responsible for reviewing the Faircloth limits and notifying HUD if they believe their posted Faircloth limit is not accurate. To notify HUD of a possible error, PHAs should send an email to [PIHOCI@hud.gov](mailto:PIHOCI@hud.gov) with “Faircloth Limit Correction for...” and the PHA code in the subject line. You’ll find a link to the updated list on [OCI’s home page](#).

PIH Posts Submission Checklist for Emergency and Disaster Capital Needs

HUD’s Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has [posted](#) a [checklist](#) for submitting grant applications to fund capital needs arising from emergencies and non-presidentially declared natural disasters occurring between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021, HUD has made \$20 million available to fund such grants and is accepting applications on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted.

- An *emergency* is an unforeseen or unpreventable event or occurrence that poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents that must be corrected within one year of funding.
- A *non-presidentially declared natural disaster* is an extraordinary event, such as an earthquake, flood, or hurricane, affecting a public housing property owned and managed by a PHA, but excluding areas covered by a presidentially declared major disaster or emergency, as those areas are eligible for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)).

PHAs should be aware that if they have large [Operating Fund](#) or [Capital Fund](#) reserve balances that are unobligated, they may be required to use those funds prior to receiving an emergency or non-presidentially declared disaster grant. Additional information can be found in Chapter 8 of the [Capital Fund Guidebook](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Creates New Website for Emergency Housing Vouchers

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has made available a [new website](#) dedicated to Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). As you recall, funding for EHVs was appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local PHAs to assist individuals and families who are or at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or who were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

The new [Emergency Housing Vouchers website](#) include:

- A [training video](#) for PHAs to accept or decline the EHV award
- A schedule of upcoming webinars
- Link to Notice [PIH 2021-15](#), which describes the allocation process and operating requirements for EHVs.
- A [list](#) of EHV awardees

FAQs and other training materials are listed as “coming soon.”



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