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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces \$5 Billion in EHV's to Assist Homeless

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has allocated \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for emergency housing vouchers that will assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The supplemental funding is allocated under the Emergency Housing Voucher ([EHV](#)) program, which is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local PHAs across the country.

According to the announcement, the \$5 billion funding gives communities the resources needed to help eligible households find and remain in housing. HUD estimates that these EHV's, alongside resources provided by the CARES Act, could help house 130,000 households. The funding is the second of two homelessness-related funding opportunities from the ARP. In April, the Department announced the allocation of \$5 billion in ARP funds to increase affordable housing to address homelessness.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Materials for Housing-Related Hazards CFP NOFA

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has recently posted the following materials concerning the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for its 2020 Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program:

- [Housing-related Hazards Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Housing-related Hazards Webinar](#)
- [Housing-related Hazards Webinar PowerPoint](#)

The NOFA, which makes \$20,000,000 available for competitive grants, was issued on March 24, 2021, and the current application deadline is **May 25, 2021**. Funding is available to help PHAs identify and eliminate housing-related hazards in public housing such as mold, carbon monoxide, pest infestation, radon, and fire hazards, among others.

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Publishes Relocation Act Income Limits for FY 2021

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has posted [low income limits](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2021 under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 ([URRA](#)). The income limits are used to determine whether a displaced person is considered "low income" for purposes of calculating relocation assistance payments. The effective date for the FY 2021 income limits is April 1, 2021. For more information, see the [income limit area definitions](#) and the income limit tables (available in [MS Word](#) or [PDF](#) formats).

HUD Updates List of IMS/PIC Errors

Last year HUD upgraded the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)) to align with industry best practices for security and data integrity. Following this upgrade, users may experience new errors when attempting to complete certain tasks in IMS/PIC. HUD is maintaining a document with a list of known issues, and how to handle them, and will update it as needed. You can access the most updated document, dated May 17, 2021, [here](#) at [IMS/PIC webpage](#). According to the webpage, the workaround files previously posted are no longer needed since those issues have been fixed.

HUD-HSS to Host Webinar on Expanding COVID-19 Vaccine Access

Yesterday the Departments of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) and Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)) [announced](#) that they will host a webinar on their partnership to increase COVID-19 vaccine access among disproportionately affected communities. The webinar, which will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, will cover the following:

- How you can join the COVID-19 vaccine challenge
- Effective housing and healthcare partnerships
- Tools and resources for vaccine events

According to the announcement, presenters will highlight ways you can jumpstart your COVID-19 vaccination effort, including how to use mapping tools, transportation opportunities, and examples of successful COVID-19 vaccination partnerships. The webinar is intended for all public housing agencies, federally qualified health centers, housing providers, community partners, and federal staff. Click [here](#) to register.

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Case against NV Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has approved a [conciliation agreement](#) between the owners of apartment complexes in Las Vegas, NV, and mother and daughter tenants resolving allegations that the owners refused to grant their reasonable accommodation request to be moved to a different unit. According to the press release, the mother and daughter alleged that they made the request because their unit had mold and bulging carpeting, which made it difficult for the daughter to use her walker.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing providers from denying housing to persons with disabilities or subjecting them to discriminatory terms or conditions, including denying reasonable accommodation requests that may be necessary to allow them the opportunity to use and enjoy their home.

Under the terms of the agreement, the property owners will pay the mother and daughter \$5,984, waive \$9,486 in past rent and other expenses the owners claim they owed, and provide training on fair housing and reasonable accommodations for their employees.



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