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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates Emergency Housing Vouchers FAQs

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has updated the frequently asked question (FAQs) on Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). Updated and new questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated May 28, 2021.

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 experiencing 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.

You can find the FAQs and other EHVs resources on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

GENERAL NEWS

Biden Administration Releases Proposed HUD Budget for FFY 2022

Last Friday the Biden administration released its [proposed HUD budget for federal fiscal year \(FFY\) 2022](#). Some highlights from the proposed budget:

- The administration's budget requests \$68.7 billion to support HUD, approximately \$9 billion more than the enacted level for 2021.
- The budget would provide \$30.4 billion for the Housing Choice Voucher program, which accommodates 200,00 new vouchers, with a focus on those who are homeless or fleeing domestic violence. This increases the funding level of the tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) by \$5.4 billion.
- The budget requests \$8.6 billion for the public housing fund, which is \$769 million more than the enacted level for 2021. In prior years, Congress appropriated funds separately to the public housing operating fund and public housing capital fund. However, in the 2021 Appropriations Act, the Congress consolidated the activities of the two funds into the public housing fund.
- The administration is proposing \$250 million for Choice Neighborhoods, a \$50 million increase over the enacted level for 2021.
- The budget proposes \$175 million for self-sufficiency programs. Congress created this account in 2020 by relocating the funding for three existing programs: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services (ROSS), and the Jobs-Plus Initiative (JPI).
- The President is requesting \$400 million to mitigate health and safety hazards, a \$40 million increase over the enacted level for 2021.
- The financial plan requests \$100 million, \$50 million in TBRA and \$50 million in Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), for RAD conversions that promote the energy efficiency or climate resilience of properties.
- The proposal includes \$85 million for Fair Housing programs, a \$12.5 million increase over 2021, for targeted and coordinated enforcement, education, and outreach.
- The administration requests \$9.6 billion for CPD, which is \$1.3 billion more than the enacted level for 2021.

To read the budget proposal, click [here](#).

2021 Lead Hazard Reduction NOFA Now Available

Last Friday on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted the notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the 2021 [Lead Hazard Reduction Grant](#) program. The NOFA makes approximately \$356,841,000 available to help protect children from lead poisoning. The application deadline date is **July 12, 2021**. You'll find a link to the NOFA on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HUD Launches Online Davis-Bacon Payroll Analysis Training

Last Friday HUD [announced](#) the launch of a new Davis-Bacon training. This new set of modules, the second of a two-part training, walks Local Contracting Agencies (LCAs) through the correct way to conduct a payroll analysis. It also provides construction contractors with the information needed to submit timely, accurate certified payrolls. The self-paced video training is divided into six modules:

- Delegation of Authority
- Verification of Wages Against a Wage Determination
- Statement of Compliance
- Additional Classifications
- Compliance Reviews and Corrections
- Comparison Analysis

You can access the training [here](#) at [HUD Exchange](#). For more information about DBLS compliance, visit the [Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards](#) webpage.

NMA NEWS

NMA Opens 2021 Housing Award Contest

[Nan McKay and Associates \(NMA\)](#) is now accepting entries for the 2021 [NMA Housing Awards](#). This year small PHAs and large PHAs will be able to compete separately for awards in two categories:

- NMA Development Award
- NMA Resident Service Award

The deadline for entries is **June 30**. Winners of the awards will be honored at a virtual event in August. For details about the contest, including how to enter, click [here](#).



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