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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Requests Registrations of Interest for VASH Vouchers

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) published Notice PIH 2021-21, Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers. The notice describes requirements for PHAs interested in requesting HUD-Veterans Affairs (VA) supportive housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers under the 2021 appropriations act. Approximately 6,000 new VASH vouchers will be funded under 2021 appropriations. As in fiscal year 2020, awards will follow a two-step process:

- PHAs will respond to this notice with an email and a VA Letter of Support (Registration of Interest).
- Based on a relative need formula, registered PHAs that are selected will receive an invitation to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers.

PHAs must consult with their partnering VA facility to discuss their intentions of submitting a Registration of Interest and request the required Letter of Support for HUD-VASH vouchers. All PHAs administering voucher programs may apply, including PHAs that do not currently administer HUD-VASH vouchers. Selected PHAs will then receive an invitation to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers. This number is the maximum number of vouchers being offered. PHAs may choose to apply for fewer vouchers.

The deadline for submitting a Registration of Interest is August 31, 2021. Full application instructions are included in the notice.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Section 3 Final Rule Training Series

Yesterday the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it will be hosting a virtual training series on the Section 3 final rule that was published on September 29, 2020, to update and streamline the Section 3 regulations.

As you know, Section 3 requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very lowincome individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible.

The virtual training series, which will take place throughout 2021, will introduce the purpose and scope of Section 3, detail the final rule and the key changes to the program, identify administrative and implementation requirements, describe reporting requirements, and identify relevant resources.

For more information, including dates and how to register, click here. Space is limited.



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