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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Racial and Disability Discrimination Case against NY Housing Provider

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has reached an agreement with a provider of project-based subsidized housing in Brooklyn, New York. The [consent order](#) resolves allegations that the housing provider, which has received federal funds since 1981, discriminated on the basis of race and disability in the operation of its multifamily housing properties.

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity ([FHEO](#)) conducted an investigation and found that the housing provider had failed to eliminate architectural barriers that limited access by individuals with disabilities and failed to cooperate in HUD's investigation of the housing provider's alleged practice of excluding tenants of racial and other minority groups, resulting in occupancy of its buildings by almost exclusively white tenants.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability. In addition, [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) prohibits discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin in programs or activities that receive federal funds. Similarly, [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, such as PBRA, and requires that recipients of federal financial assistance bring their programs and activities into compliance with federal accessibility requirements.

The [consent order](#) requires the housing provider, which elected to end participation in HUD's PBRA program in October, to make modifications so units and common areas are accessible to individuals with disabilities. It also requires the housing provider to offer families who are seeking housing an equal opportunity to apply for and live in units regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability, and other characteristics protected by federal fair housing laws. Specifically, the housing provider must conduct affirmative fair housing marketing and modify its waitlist policies and procedures.

HUD Posts Resources for Youth Homelessness Demonstration NOFA

HUD has recently posted various resources related to the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program ([YHDP](#)) that was [published](#) on May 24, 2021. As you recall, the Department is making \$145 million in competitive funding available to up to 50 communities to build systems intended to end youth homelessness in local and rural areas. The resources posted to the [YHDP page](#) include:

- [Rural CoCs](#): This file lists all Continuums of Care (CoCs) that are considered rural for the YHDP FY 2019/2020 competition if the application covers the entire geographic area of the CoC.
- [Rural area worksheet](#): Applicants should use this tool if they are considering applying for less than the entire area covered by the CoC.
- [Presentation slides](#) and [transcript](#) of the FY 2019/2020 YHDP NOFA webinar. The recording will be posted soon.
- A [debriefing document](#) from previous YHDP competition with no community scores to assist communities who did not apply or did not pass the threshold in their FY 2018 YHDP application. This document has general comments from reviewers on how applications could be improved.

Applications for this NOFA must be completed and submitted by **July 27, 2021**.



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