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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Op Sub Obligation Letters for August and September

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has [posted](#) the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for August and September. As usual, the letters to all PHAs in the same state are combined in a single file, which you can access through the map on [this webpage](#). You'll find links to the obligation letters on the [2021 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

PIH Reminds PHAs of Rate Reduction Incentive Deadlines

In an [email](#) today via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), PIH advised PHAs that two key deadlines are approaching for the rate reduction incentive (RRI). The RRI is a financial incentive for PHAs that pursue special and significant efforts beyond what is required by statute and/or regulation to reduce their utility rate. Eligible PHAs can retain 50 to 100 percent of savings. The deadline dates are as follows:

- RRI eligibility submissions
 - Single year: For PHAs which do not have a multiyear RRI approval letter covering the periods for the FY 2022 RRI (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021), eligibility submission requests are due no later than **August 30, 2021**, to PIH_EPC_Policy@hud.gov. Submittals received after August 30, 2021, will be ineligible to participate in the FY 2022 RRI pursuant to Notice PIH 2019-24.
 - Multiyear: For PHAs with a multiyear RRI approval letter that covers the period from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, savings calculations and supporting documentation are due no later than **September 30, 2021**, pursuant to Notice PIH 2019-24 to PIH_EPC_Policy@hud.gov. PHAs with multiyear approvals that do not submit calculations by September 30, 2021, will not be eligible for RRI in 2022.
- RRI savings calculations and supporting documentation submission
 - All RRI eligible PHAs participating in the RRI must submit calculations and documentation to PIH_EPC_Policy@hud.gov no later than **September 30, 2021**.

For more information, including submission instructions, see today's [email](#) and Notice [PIH 2019-24](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Discrimination Case against California City

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has reached a voluntary compliance agreement (VCA) with the City of Santa Maria, California, resolving allegations that the city violated the [Fair Housing Act](#), [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#), and [Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act](#). Specifically, the city enacted and enforced an ordinance that imposed restrictions on housing for certain farmworker visa-holders in residential areas of the city.

As stated in the agreement, the city will immediately halt enforcement of the ordinance that created the restrictions, repeal the ordinance within 90 days, and refrain from enacting any similar restrictions. The city also agreed to review fines imposed under the ordinance for potential refunds and hire an employee housing resource officer to receive and address complaints regarding discrimination and the quality and safety of occupied employee housing units going forward. Additionally, the city agreed to undertake an effort to analyze and identify any other existing zoning laws that may be discriminatory, in violation of the Fair Housing Act and Title VI.



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