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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes NOFA for Jobs Plus Initiative

Yesterday on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [published](#) the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for the 2020 [Jobs Plus Initiative](#). The program is designed to develop locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes for public housing residents through supports such as work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, and financial literacy. The NOFA makes approximately \$15 million. HUD will award between \$1.5 million and \$3.7 million, with the maximum amount of funding depending upon development size.

Appendix B of the NOFA refers to an "attached listing of projects" that meet HUD's minimum criteria for development size and resident unemployment, however, there is no attachment or list. The document clarifies that the appearance of a project on this list does not necessarily mean that the project is appropriate for a Jobs Plus program. Note that PHAs that received a Jobs Plus program grant in FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, or FY 2019 are not eligible for 2020 grant funds. **PHAs that received FY 2014 or FY 2015 Jobs Plus grants may apply for funding under this NOFA.** However, public housing projects previously funded through a FY 2014 or FY 2015 Jobs Plus grant may not be the target of an FY 2020 Jobs Plus application.

The application deadline date is **December 1, 2020**. You'll find a link to the NOFA on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Disaster Assistance for California Wildfire Victims

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it will speed federal disaster assistance to the State of California and provide support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes in areas affected by wildfires. A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on August 22, 2020, allows HUD to offer foreclosure relief and other assistance to certain families living in impacted counties.

According to the press release, the disaster assistance will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#)

Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.



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