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GENERAL NEWS

CDC Temporarily Halts Residential Evictions

Late yesterday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) released a [prepublication copy](#) of an order under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The order is slated to be published in the *Federal Register* this week on September 4. As you recall, an [executive order](#) issued by the White House in August aimed at addressing some of the issues that renters and homeowners currently face as a result COVID-19 directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) to take action “to promote the ability of renters and homeowners to avoid eviction or foreclosure,” but stopped short of explicitly preventing evictions from occurring. Under the order, landlords and owners are temporarily prohibited from evicting any covered person from any residential property in any jurisdiction to which the order applies until December 31, 2020. It does not apply to areas with the same or greater level of public health protections, or to American Samoa, which has no reported cases. A *covered person*:

- Has used their best efforts to obtain available government assistance for rent or housing
- Either expects to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for CY 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 for joint tax returns), was not required to report any income in CY 2019 to the IRS, or received a CARES Act stimulus payment
- Is unable to pay the full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours or work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Is using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payments as possible
- Would be likely rendered homeless or forced to move into and live in close quarters in a new congregate or shared living setting because no other housing options are available

Further details can be found in the [order](#).

HUD Publishes NOFA for Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program

Today HUD published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for its 2020 Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program. The announcement was posted [here](#) on [Grants.gov](#) but the NOFA itself has not yet been posted.

According to the program description, funding is available “for competitive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards and other housing-related hazards including carbon monoxide and mold in public housing.” \$31,000,000 is available under the NOFA.

The application deadline is **November 2, 2020**.

HUD Announces Hurricane Laura Disaster Assistance

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it will speed federal disaster assistance to the State of Louisiana and provide support to homeowners and low-income renters displaced from their homes in areas affected by Hurricane Laura. A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on August 28, 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](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available

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