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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates PBVs and Repositioning FAQs

Today on the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) page at HUD's website, the PIH Office posted an updated version of the [Project-Based Vouchers \(PBVs\) and Public Housing Repositioning FAQs](#) document. The 15-page guide, dated September 2020, addresses 39 frequently asked questions (FAQs) pertaining to project-basing as a repositioning tool. The document will be updated periodically as additional questions are asked and addressed.

GENERAL NEWS

Student Design and Planning Competition Is Now Open

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) announced that it has opened registration for the 2021 [Innovation in Affordable Housing \(IAH\) Student Design and Planning Competition](#). The goal of the competition is to encourage research and innovation in affordable housing, increase practitioner capacity to produce more livable and sustainable housing for low and moderate-income communities, and foster cross-cutting teamwork within the design and community development process.

The IAH competition has been designed to replicate a real-life approach. Multi-disciplinary teams of graduate students in architecture, planning and policy, finance, and other areas will be asked to address social, economic, and environmental issues in response to a specific housing problem developed by an actual public housing agency (PHA). After the submission of initial applications, a jury of five industry representatives will select four finalist teams to participate in a visit to the public housing authority's site. The students will then have several weeks to develop and refine their proposals before the final presentation in mid-April at HUD Headquarters in Washington, DC. Team [registration](#) is due by **November 2**. PHA registration will open **Thursday, October 8, 2020** at noon Eastern time.

HUD will host an informational webinar for PHAs on September 24 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. The webinar will provide background information about the competition, requirements for the selected PHA, and a question and answer session. Click [here](#) to register. You can preview the slides [here](#). HUD has also provided an [FAQ page](#) for the competition.



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