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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in PH Repositioning Webinar Series

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has [announced](#) that it will be hosting the latest in its series of training webinars on repositioning public housing. The series enables PHAs to understand multiple aspects of the repositioning process and identify strategies and resources available to successfully complete it.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled "[Mixed-Finance Development](#)," will provide an overview of how to approach the mixed-finance development tool, how PHAs can use it to achieve their development goals, the components of a mixed-finance development proposal, and how the HUD approval process works.

The live web conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to register.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Video on EHV Landlord Testimonials

On the Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHVs](#)) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) posted a [video](#) titled "EHV: Landlord Testimonials." The video highlights participation in the EHV program to landlords. Landlord testimonials explain the benefits of the EHV program including the basics about EHV and Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) participation.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against Oklahoma Landlord

In a [press release](#) last Thursday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against a landlord in Oklahoma for sexually harassing female tenants in violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#). The landlord has owned, operated, or managed residential rental properties in Oklahoma since at least 2016. The lawsuit also names the current owners of the rental properties as defendants.

The [lawsuit](#) alleges that the landlord subjected female tenants to unwelcome sexual contact and comments about their physical appearances, physically assaulted tenants, entered tenants' bedrooms without consent, photographed and filmed female tenants in their bedrooms and bathrooms without their knowledge and permission, and demanded that female tenants engage in sexual acts with him under threat of losing their housing. The lawsuit seeks money damages to compensate women harmed by the alleged harassment, a fine for the United States, and a court order prohibiting future acts of discrimination and harassment.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status. In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division [announced](#) the [Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative](#). The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 38 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing.



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