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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Withdraws Two Fair Housing Proposed Rules

Today in *the Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published two notices withdrawing the proposed rules titled “[Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\)](#)” and “[Reducing Barriers to HUD-Assisted Housing](#).”

The AFFH proposed rule, published on February 9, 2023, would have reestablished a formal AFFH planning process and created an enforcement mechanism to ensure program participants comply with the duty to affirmatively further fair housing.

The “Reducing Barriers to HUD-Assisted Housing” proposed rule, published on April 10, 2024, would have revised existing regulations for certain Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) and Housing programs that govern admission for applicants with criminal records or a history of involvement with the criminal justice system and eviction or termination of assistance of persons based on illegal drug use, drug-related criminal activity, or other criminal activity.

Both proposed rules are withdrawn as of January 16, 2025. If HUD determines in the future that it is appropriate to issue regulations on both topics, it will issue new notices of proposed rulemaking, subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

HUD Issues CDBG-DR Allocation Announcement Notice

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD published a [notice](#) announcing the allocation of \$12,070,701,000 of Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery ([CDBG–DR](#)) funds made available by the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025, for major disasters occurring in 2023 or 2024.

These CDBG–DR funds are for necessary expenses for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a qualifying major disaster that occurred in 2023 or 2024. The grants are awarded directly to a state, unit of general local government, or Indian Tribe at HUD’s discretion. Each grantee must expend 100 percent of its allocation within six years of the date HUD signs the grant agreement. HUD may extend this time period if a good cause exists.

The notice also identifies requirements for the use of funds, including the requirements established in the CDBG–DR [Universal Notice](#) published in the *Federal Register* on January 8, 2025.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues January Edition of HCV Connect

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has issued the [January edition](#) of its HCV Connect newsletter, which includes updates, tools, and tips to help with the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program administration. This month’s issue features the following:

- New Look for the New Year!
- Get Ready for CY 2025 Funding
- Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Listening Sessions
- Quarterly Office Hours for MTW PHAs Reporting Commitments and Obligations
- Reminder of HCV Updates Webinar Series
- Webinar: How to Effectively Utilize Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers
- HCV Utilization Tools
- Research and Publications

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