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MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard Guide and Data Dictionary

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has posted an [updated version](#) of the MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard User Guide and Data Dictionary. The document, dated January 2024, provides an explanation of the terms, tables, and charts available in the [MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard](#). Additionally, it explains how to access, utilize, and drill through to all the pages within the dashboard. You'll find a link to the document on the [MTW HCV Resources](#) webpage.

The MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard was created to provide the public with a resource to understand how MTW PHAs are using their HCV funds. The dashboard is a snapshot of MTW PHAs' reported housing assistance payments, annual HCV budget authority, HCV reserves, and the details of how MTW PHAs intend to use HCV reserves in their local communities.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Charges Montana Property Manager and Owner with Retaliation

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it is [charging](#) an individual property manager and ownership entity in Montana for retaliation against a tenant for exercising her fair housing rights. The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits retaliation for exercising fair housing rights, as well as coercing, intimidating, threatening, or interfering with someone's exercise of those rights.

HUD's charge alleges that the property manager and owner of a ten-unit apartment complex in Montana retaliated against a tenant after the tenant informed the property manager that his unwanted conduct toward her daughter was inappropriate given the property manager's position as landlord. After the tenant confronted the property manager, the property manager took several retaliatory actions, including sending multiple threats of eviction, revoking tenancy privileges, and sending harassing text messages, culminating in seeking to evict the complainant. The tenant felt compelled to leave the unit and seek out alternative, less desirable housing because of the retaliation.

A United States administrative law judge will hear HUD's charge unless any party elects to have the case heard in a federal district court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the resident for his losses caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief to deter further discrimination as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose civil penalties to vindicate the public interest. If the case is heard in a federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the resident.



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