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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PHA 5-Year and PHA Annual Plan Modules Now Open for Testing

In an [email](#) yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), the Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that the PHA 5-Year and PHA Annual Plan modules are now open for testing through March 29, 2024. According to the announcement, this means anything submitted will be deleted by March 29, 2024, and will not be considered official data.

The modules, which will provide PHAs with the ability to create and submit PHA plans and related certifications, are applicable to all PHAs (Standard, Troubled, High-Performer, Small, Housing Choice Voucher, and Qualified). PHAs will need to complete different variations of the HUD-50075 and certifications.

For guidance on how to complete the PHA 5-year and PHA annual plan, review Notice [PIH-2015-18](#), "Availability of New and Revised Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five-Year and Annual Plan Templates and Other Forms", which provides clarification on the categories of PHAs and the corresponding 5-year PHA plan submission requirements.

The email includes the [PHA 5-Year Plan User Guide](#) and the [PHA Annual Plan User Guide](#). Additionally, HUD is hosting two training sessions. The dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern time (click [here](#) to join)
- Wednesday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time (click [here](#) to join)

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) and the Tool of Tools ([ToT](#)) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of January 25, 2024. For further details, visit the [Tools](#) page.

GENERAL NEWS

Housing Providers Must Pay \$50,000 to Resolve Disability Discrimination and VAWA Noncompliance Findings

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has entered into a voluntary compliance agreement ([VCA](#)) with HUD-funded Tennessee housing providers requiring the respondents to pay \$50,000 in compensation to the aggrieved parties. The VCA resolves findings of noncompliance related to [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ([ADA](#)), as identified in a [letter of findings](#) of noncompliance, as well as findings of noncompliance related to the Violence Against Women Act ([VAWA](#)), identified in a VAWA [memorandum](#).

The letter of findings of noncompliance described the respondents' effective denial of multiple reasonable accommodation or modification requests. HUD also uncovered instances of VAWA noncompliance involving two households that experienced incidents of sexual assault and/or domestic violence and in which the respondents failed to provide the requested VAWA transfers or take any additional action needed to process the requests.

Under the VCA, the respondents agreed to pay \$50,000 in monetary compensation for the aggrieved parties. The respondents will also amend its reasonable accommodation transfer log, revise the transfer policy, revise its VAWA policies, construct or convert ten UFAS-accessible units, with an additional four units for the hearing and visually impaired, and accessible common areas, designate a VAWA coordinator, respond to VAWA-related grievances and transfer requests within ten days, and attend VAWA training.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits the exclusion or discrimination of qualified individuals based on disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance, including from HUD. Similarly, Title II of the ADA prohibits disability discrimination. The Violence Against Women Act strengthens housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA applies to individuals seeking assistance under covered HUD housing programs, authorizing HUD to enforce the law with the same process, rights, and remedies as the [Fair Housing Act](#).



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