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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Reschedules Information Session on HOTMA 102/104 Compliance Notice

In an email yesterday to executive directors, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that the information session on Notice [PIH 2024-38](#), “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) Sections 102 and 104: Updated Guidance to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) on Compliance,” has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time**. Those who have already registered for the event do not need to reregister. If you have not yet registered, you can do it [here](#).

HUD Allocates Nearly \$12 Billion in Disaster Funding, Issues Universal Notice

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the allocation of nearly \$12 billion in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery ([CDBG-DR](#)) funds. The allocation will enable 47 grantees – including 23 states, 15 counties, 8 cities, and one territory – to recover from and build resilience to weather-related disasters. You can see a [table](#) showing the states, allocations, and disasters covered at the bottom of the announcement.

To provide guidance for the implementation of this funding, HUD issued the [Universal Notice](#) for CDBG-DR. The notice, [published](#) today in the *Federal Register*, describes the processes, procedures, timelines, waivers, and alternative requirements that HUD intends to implement with each allocation of CDBG–DR funding after a qualifying presidential disaster declaration. It aims to make disaster recovery funding faster and more efficient for future grantees.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts New Chapter to Updated PH Occupancy Guidebook Webpage

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has [posted](#) the new [Fair Housing and Nondiscrimination Requirements](#) chapter to its [webpage](#) dedicated to an updated version of the Public Housing Occupancy Guidebook. As stated in the webpage:

One major improvement readers will find in the new guidebook chapters is a footnote with a citation whenever the word “must” is used. In many policy areas, HUD allows PHAs the flexibility to make local policy decisions, so it is important to note when a policy must be adopted as required by HUD. For example, where “may” or “HUD encourages” is used, this notes where PHAs have discretion or where HUD has identified common practices to assist in simplifying administration for PHAs.

To ensure users have access to the most current and accurate guidance, the chapters will be “living documents” and HUD will amend individual chapters as policies are refined.



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