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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration NOFO

Last Friday on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [posted](#) the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for its Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration program for public housing. The NOFO makes approximately \$5,000,000 in grants available to public housing agencies to conduct testing, and when needed, mitigation of radon in the units that they manage. The work supported through this NOFO will also provide HUD with important information on methods and costs for radon testing and mitigation in public housing. The application deadline date is **November 21, 2022**.

GENERAL NEWS

OLHCHH Awards \$5.7 Million for Technical Studies

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) [announced](#) last Friday that it has awarded \$5.7 million in research grants designed to protect children and other vulnerable groups from health hazards in their homes. The grants were awarded under HUD's Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program for fiscal year 2022.

This year's awards were made to universities and public health institutions in seven states to develop new and improved methods to identify and control residential health hazards, including lead-based paint, pests, injury hazards, and asthma triggers. Click [here](#) for a project-by-project summary of the program awards.

HUD Charges NY Co-Op Apartment Owners with Disability Discrimination

In a [press release](#) dated October 6, HUD announced that it has [charged](#) the owners of an apartment in New York with housing discrimination for allegedly refusing to rent to a person with disabilities who requires assistance animals.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits discrimination because of disability. This includes refusing to grant reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, such as refusing to waive pet restrictions so that persons with disabilities can live with their assistance animals.

According to the press release, HUD's charge alleges that a prospective tenant attempted to sublease a unit at the cooperative apartment building for himself and his partner. When the prospective tenant requested that he be permitted to live with his assistance animals, the owners terminated his application, stating that they had allergies and needed to protect their new floors.

HUD's charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge unless any party elects to have the case heard in federal district court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the prospective tenant for 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 federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the prospective tenant.



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