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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts FAQs for Family Unification Program NOFO

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has posted a frequently asked questions (FAQs) [document](#) for the FY 2024 Family Unification Program ([FUP](#)) notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)). The NOFO, [published](#) on August 1, 2024, makes available approximately \$5,030,814 for new vouchers. Applications are due by **October 30, 2024**. You'll find the link to the FAQs and other related resources, including the [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) for the NOFO webinar, on the [FUP webpage](#).

GENERAL NEWS

Social Security Benefits to Increase by 2.5 Percent in 2025

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Social Security Administration ([SSA](#)) announced that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase by 2.5 percent in 2025.

The latest COLA is 2.5 percent for Social Security benefits and SSI payments. Social Security benefits will increase by 2.5 percent beginning with the December 2024 benefits, which are payable in January 2025. Federal SSI payment levels will also increase by 2.5 percent effective for payments made for January 2025. Because the normal SSI payment date is the first of the month and January 1 is a holiday, the SSI payments for January are always made at the end of the previous December.

The COLA is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, from the third quarter of 2023 through the third quarter of 2024. You can learn more about it [here](#).

HUD Charges NH Housing Providers with Disability Discrimination

In a [press release](#) Tuesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has [charged](#) the owners and operators of over 40 rental apartments in New Hampshire with violating the [Fair Housing Act](#) by failing to allow prospective tenants who used assistance animals for their disabilities to view or apply to rent an available apartment.

HUD's charge alleges that the complainants spoke with the property owner about renting an apartment and that during the conversation the complainants revealed that they had an assistance animal. The charge further alleges that the complainants arranged to meet the owner to view the apartment, but the owner refused to allow the complainants inside the apartment because they did not have medical documentation verifying their need for the assistance animal with them at that time.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on disability, including subjecting prospective tenants with disabilities to more restrictive conditions than prospective tenants who do not have a disability.

A United States administrative law judge will hear HUD's charges 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 complainants for harm caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose fines to vindicate the public interest. If the case is heard in a federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the complainants.

HUD Announces Nearly \$28 Million in HOPWA Awards

In a [press release](#) Wednesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced nearly \$28 million through HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS ([HOPWA](#)) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Renewal and Replacement grants. The funding will allow 23 local advocacy organizations and government agencies to provide rental assistance and supportive services to ensure low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS and their families have access to stable, safe, and permanent housing. A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the press release.



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