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#### **GENERAL NEWS**

## **HUD Posts HOTMA Resources**

On the <u>HOTMA Resources</u> webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has posted the following resources:

- PIH Notice 2023-27 Implementation Guidance: Section 102 and 104 of HOTMA
- Implementation Guidance Notice Overview Presentation
- Income and Assets Crosswalk of Regulation Changes
- Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program List of Discretionary Policies to Implement HOTMA (updated)
- HUD Form 50058
- HUD Form 50058 MTW
- HUD Form 50058 MTW Expansion

#### HUD Publishes FHIP NOFOs

On <u>grants.gov</u>, HUD has published the following notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (<u>FHIP</u>):

- Education and Outreach Initiative
- Fair Housing Organizations Initiative
- Private Enforcement Initiative
- Education and Outreach Initiative -Test Coordinator Training

The deadline for applications under the four NOFOs is **November 30, 2023**. Click on each link for more information.

# HUD Settles VAWA Discrimination Cases against NV and CA Housing Providers

In a <u>press release</u> last Thursday, HUD announced two settlements with housing providers in Nevada and California resolving allegations that they denied housing opportunities to two women because they experienced dating violence and stalking. The conciliation agreements are the first under HUD's new enforcement authority under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 ("VAWA 2022"), signed into law on March 15, 2022.

The agreements provide monetary damages to the complainants, priority placement on the waiting list for available units, policy changes, staff training, and operational changes. If a respondent housing provider fails to comply with the terms of the agreement, HUD may refer it to the Department of Justice for enforcement. A summary of each agreement can be found in the press release.

Under <u>VAWA</u>, individuals in certain federal housing and homeless assistance programs cannot be denied housing, evicted, or lose assistance due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. They also have the right to request an emergency transfer for safety reasons related to violence. VAWA 2022 ensures the right to call 9-1-1 without fear of losing housing, and it prohibits retaliation by housing providers for exercising VAWA rights or assisting others in doing so. These protections apply regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.



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