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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Quarterly Regulatory Waivers

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a list of the regulatory waivers that it granted during the first quarter of calendar year 2022. You'll find the waivers granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing on page 60190 of the notice (PDF page 4). The PIH office granted the following waivers during the quarter:

- Several involved allowing PHAs to grant a family one or more extensions of the initial voucher term regardless of the policy described in the administrative plan, as established in Notice PIH 2021-34.
- Several involved allowing PHAs to establish payment standards up to 120 percent of the fair market rent, as established in Notice PIH 2021-34.
- Several involved allowing PHAs to increase the payment standard during the housing assistance payment term, as established in Notice PIH 2021-34.
- Twenty-three involved allowing PHAs to extend homeownership assistance for one additional year, as established in Notice PIH 2021-34.
- Four extended the term of the FSS contract of participation.
- Several involved allowing PHAs with a fiscal year end 3/31/22, 6/30/22, or 9/ 30/22 to request to waive Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) if an indicator declines as a result of operational disruptions and from its adoption of one or more CARES Act waivers.

Treasury Posts New ERAP Resources

The U.S. Department of the Treasury ([Treasury](#)) has posted the following resources to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ([ERAP](#)) website:

- A [notice](#) regarding the deadline to obligate reallocated ERA1 funds
- A new research titled "[Equity in the Distribution of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)"

You can find more ERA resources on the [ERAP website](#).

HUD Extends Deadline to Apply for Two NOFAs

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD announced that it has extended the deadline for submitting applications for the fiscal year 2021 and 2022 Rural Capacity Building grants to **October 18, 2022**. You'll find a link to the [NOFA](#) on [this page](#).

HUD has also extended the deadline for submitting applications for the fiscal year 2022 Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program ([SHOP](#)) grants to **January 23, 2023**. You'll find a link to the [NOFA](#) and additional information on [this page](#).

HUD Announces Assistance for Alaska and Florida Disaster Survivors

In two press releases yesterday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas of [Alaska](#) affected by a severe storm, flooding, and landslides from September 15 to September 20, 2022, and in the areas of [Florida](#) affected by Hurricane Ian beginning on September 23, 2022, and continuing.

Two presidential major disaster declarations issued on [September 23, 2022](#), and [September 29, 2022](#), allow HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals living in impacted areas in Alaska and Florida. On September 29, 2022, President Biden made [additional disaster assistance](#) available to Alaska by authorizing an increase in the level of federal funding for emergency protective measures.

Effective immediately, for both states, the Department will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH 2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Provide administrative flexibility to tribes and their tribally designated housing entities
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures in both states. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.



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