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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Notice on Energy Conservation Program for Small, Rural PHAs

Yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2022-32](#) to provide guidance to PHAs on the implementation of Section 209 (b) of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (Economic Growth Act). Specifically, the notice provides guidance on the use and eligibility requirements for the Small Rural Frozen Rolling Base (SR-FRB) program, which would allow eligible PHAs to freeze their three-year rolling base consumption level (RBCL) that is used to calculate operating subsidy grants. The notice updates Notice [PIH 2020-30](#) by making the following changes:

- Adding an electronic submission process for election of the SR-FRB through the public housing operating fund grant program web portal
- Specifying that the notification date will be published annually in the operating subsidy processing notice and on the PHA operating subsidy grant calendar
- Specifying that heating degree days (HDD) adjustments will only be accepted if the HDD adjustment results in a change in utility consumption of more than 10 percent
- Describing the appeals process

Further details can be found in the [notice](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Waivers to Help Florida Recover from Hurricane Ian

In a [press release](#) Wednesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced a package of [29 regulatory and administrative waivers](#) aimed at helping communities in Florida accelerate their recovery from Hurricane Ian.

The regulatory and administrative relief covers the following CPD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Continuum of Care (CoC). The [memorandum](#) also announces a simplified notification process for grantees of these programs to use the suspension and waiver flexibility of CPD statutory and regulatory requirements to expedite the delivery of assistance.

According to the press release, the announcement represents one of the largest collections of regulatory and administrative waivers ever issued by the Department at one time.

HUD Publishes Thriving Communities Technical Assistance NOFA

Yesterday on [grants.gov](#), HUD [posted](#) the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance program. Through this NOFA, HUD is announcing the availability of \$5 million to provide funding to technical assistance providers to help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, while also supporting equitable development and local economic development ecosystems in disadvantaged communities. The application deadline date is **November 22, 2022**. You'll find a link to the NOFA on [this page](#) at HUD’s [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HUD Makes Technical Correction to Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD [announced](#) that it has made a technical correction to the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity ([NOFO](#)) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. Specifically, HUD updated the language to allow Continuums of Care (CoCs) whose geographic areas have been impacted by a major disaster, as declared by the President under the Stafford Act, to request an extension of the competition deadline. For instructions on how to apply for an extension, see the announcement or Section VII.A of the NOFO. Applications for CoCs who do not receive an extension due to a major disaster must be submitted no later than October 20, 2022.



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