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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates CY 2024 Operating Fund Processing Notice

In an email sent yesterday to PHAs via HUD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it has updated Notice [PIH 2023-25](#) to reflect a change in Section 17, *Appeals*, page 21. Specifically, the number of days to submit an appeal within a PHA’s initial submission of CY 2024 forms HUD-52722 and HUD-52723 has been increased from 30 days to 120 days.

You’ll find a link to the updated notice [here](#) on the CY 2024 operating fund grant processing webpage. If there are any questions or concerns, please email OBPHFMDHUD@hud.gov.

GENERAL NEWS

Housing Provider Must Pay \$300,000 to Resolve Racial Discrimination Case

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has entered into a voluntary compliance agreement-conciliation agreement ([VCA-CA](#)) with an Oklahoma housing provider requiring it to pay \$300,000 to individuals that were subjected to housing discrimination.

The agreement arises from a complaint filed by tenants alleging that the housing provider, recipient of federal financial assistance, violated civil rights laws by failing to address serious, racially motivated harassment and retaliating against them for reporting the harassment. According to the press release “the harassment was so severe that it left them fearful of leaving their apartment and took a substantial toll on their mental health.”

The VCA-CA resolves HUD’s October 26, 2022, [letter of findings](#) which found respondents discriminated against the tenants in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race by recipients of federal financial assistance, including where a recipient fails to adequately respond to known racial harassment against a beneficiary of its program. Title VI also prohibits retaliating against a person engaged in a protected activity, such as where they seek to have the housing provider address such racial harassment.

In addition to the \$300,000 payment, the agreement requires the housing provider to establish an anti-harassment policy as well as a fair housing and civil rights compliance policy. Both policies must be made available to all tenants and include formal grievance procedures. The housing provider is also required to obtain fair housing and civil rights training for all officers, agents, and employees.



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