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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Issues Supplementary Reporting Guidance on Section 3 Rule Implementation

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2022-38, providing supplementary reporting guidance to Notice PIH 2022-10 on the implementation of the Section 3 final rule. As you recall, Notice PIH 2022-10 covered tracking and reporting compliance for public housing financial assistance as defined in the final rule. Today's notice provides updated information on tracking and reporting requirements, specifically:

- While the new rule provided for a compliance date of July 1, 2021, with public housing financial assistance recipients required to comply with reporting requirements starting with the recipient's first full fiscal year after July 1, 2021, today's notice is delaying these reporting and submission requirements for such recipients until HUD provides further notification.
- Notice PIH 2022-10 stated that the Section 3 Performance Evaluation and Registration System (SPEARS) is no longer used for Section 3 compliance reporting, and that PHAs are to report in a successor system. However, this successor system is still in development and will not be available for PHAs in line with the reporting dates published in Section VI of Notice PIH 2022-10. For this reason, PHAs are not required to report on Section 3 labor hours or other Section 3 compliance efforts until further notice.
- Still, PHAs (including Moving to Work agencies) and other public housing financial assistance recipients must retain on-site records of Section 3 activities, and records demonstrating compliance during each reporting period. HUD recommends using the published Section 3 Utilization Tools (HUD-4737, 4737A, 4737B, 4737C, and 4737D) as aids. PHAs should also be prepared to produce those records to HUD upon request.

For further information, including information on recordkeeping, refer to the notice.

HUD Announces Training Series on Lead Safe Housing Rule Amendment

On the HUD Exchange News webpage, HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) announced a series of trainings on the Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) Amendment. The trainings will focus on LSHR activities for project-based assistance (PBA) (Subpart H), public housing (Subpart L), and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) (Subpart M).

The trainings are relevant for Community Planning and Development (CPD) grantees, PHAs, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), multifamily housing property managers and their maintenance supervisors, and Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) grantees and their subgrantees/sub-recipients who administer PBA (Subpart H), public housing (Subpart L), and TBRA (Subpart M). Click on the following links to register and get detailed information about the upcoming webinars:

- LSHR Subpart M TBRA
- LSHR Subpart H Project-Based Assistance
- LSHR Subpart L Public Housing

By registering, participants will also be automatically registered for the one-hour office hour session that follows each webinar to review homework and answer questions related to that week's materials.

HUD-VASH NEWS

HUD Awards Over \$25 Million for New VASH Vouchers

In a press release today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has awarded over \$25 million to 99 PHAs across the country to help veterans experiencing homelessness. The funds, provided under the HUD-Veterans Affairs (VA) supportive housing (HUD-VASH) program, will support 2,308 HUD-VASH vouchers nationally, bringing the total number of current HUD-VASH vouchers to nearly 107,000.

The HUD-VASH program combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by Veterans Affairs. HUD-VASH vouchers enable homeless veterans to obtain affordable and decent housing in the private market. Veterans rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. Click here for a state-by-state list of the new awards.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the Tools page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (TYT) and the Tool of Tools (ToT) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of December 20, 2022. For further details, visit the Tools page.



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