



December 4, 2024

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Opens Registration for Latest Section 3 Webinars

On the [HUD Exchange News](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that registration is now open for the other two sessions in its "[Unlocking Section 3 Potential](#)" webinar series. The dates and times are as follows:

- [Effective Strategies for Procurement and Contractor Management](#), December 10, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Eastern time
- [Intentional and Impactful Multicultural Outreach and Gender Inclusion](#), December 11, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Eastern time

The four-part webinar series features leading practices and innovative strategies to help grantees and PHAs achieve Section 3 goals under the final rule requirements. Each session provides valuable insights and practical tools to support effective Section 3 implementation.

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against KY Rental Property Owner

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the owner and operator of rental properties in Lexington, Kentucky, for engaging in sexual harassment and retaliation in violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#).

The [lawsuit](#), filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, alleges that for decades the owner has sexually harassed numerous female tenants by offering housing-related benefits in exchange for sexual contact, making unwelcome sexual comments and advances, subjecting them to unwelcome touching and groping, taking adverse housing-related actions against those who refused his sexual advances, and failing to act when made aware of similar harassing behavior by one or more of his employees. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate persons harmed by the alleged harassment, a civil penalty against the defendant to vindicate the public interest, and a court order barring future discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status. In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division [announced](#) the [Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative](#). The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 47 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

HUD Issues November Newsletter

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has issued the [November edition](#) of its e-newsletter for [Choice Neighborhoods](#) grantees. This month's issue features the following:

- Grantees spotlight
- Grantees in the news
- Funding opportunities
- Events, tools, and publications

Although the latest newsletter has yet to be posted online, you can access previous issues on [this page](#). Click [here](#) to join the Choice Neighborhoods e-newsletter mailing list.



For help with your PIH Alert subscription, email [Lizbeth Perez](#). For questions and comments on content, email [Olga Vélez](#). To view or post job announcements at our website, click [here](#). To view our seminar calendar, click [here](#). To read the NMA blog, click [here](#).

