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Treasury Updates Emergency Rental Assistance Program FAQs

The U.S. Department of the Treasury ([Treasury](#)) has [posted](#) an updated version of the frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) for the Emergency Rental Assistance ([ERA](#)) program. The 25-page document, dated December 4, 2024, was revised to provide grantees with additional information on their responsibilities related to improper payments. Specifically, FAQs 47, 48, 49, and 50 were added. You can browse [FAQs by category](#) and view all [FAQs changes](#) on the [ERAP website](#). According to the document, these FAQs apply to both ERA1 and ERA2, except where differences are explicitly noted.

Nominations Open for Secretary’s Historic Preservation Award

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has [announced](#) the opening of nominations for the [2025 HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation](#). The annual award is presented jointly by HUD and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ([ACHP](#)) to recognize developers, organizations, and agencies for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing to low and moderate-income families and individuals and supporting community and/or economic development. Nominated projects or activities will be judged for the success they have achieved in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, and interpreting architectural and cultural heritage. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- Promote the use of historic buildings for affordable housing
- Support community development and/or expanded economic opportunities
- Contribute to local and/or tribal community revitalization efforts
- Include HUD funds, financing, or other assistance
- Meet preservation guidelines

[Nominations](#) for the 2025 National Preservation Award are being accepted now. Submission deadline is **January 22, 2025**. A review of past Secretary’s Awards is available [here](#).



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