



February 1, 2024

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Issues Guidance on Eligible Uses of Funds for Meeting LEP Requirements

Late yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) published Notice [PIH 2024-04](#) titled “Guidance on Eligible Uses for PIH Program Funds Related to Persons with Limited English Proficiency.” The document provides guidance for PHAs administering the Public Housing ([PH](#)) and/or Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) programs, along with other PIH grantees, on compliance with federal requirements for providing meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency ([LEP](#)). Specifically, the guidance consolidates and clarifies information on the existing eligible uses of funds within PIH programs for LEP-related activities. Below are some key points of the notice:

- Language access policies, plans, and procedures will differ depending on a variety of factors, including the recipient’s nature or method of operation and its points of contact with the public.
- To meet their obligation to provide meaningful access to their programs, HUD recommends that federally assisted recipients, including PHAs and PIH grantees, conduct a four-factor analysis, develop a language access plan, and provide appropriate language assistance.
- PHAs may use their Operating Fund program subsidy (OpFunds) to ensure meaningful access for persons with LEP related to the PHA’s operations. OpFunds can be used to ensure access for persons with LEP only within the Public Housing program.
- PHAs can use their Capital Fund program grant (CapFund) to address LEP requirements. PHAs can use a portion (up to 100% for small, non-troubled PHAs, and 20% for all other PHAs) of a CapFund grant for any eligible cost under the OpFund program, including the OpFund activities listed in Section 5a. of the notice.
- PHAs can also use up to 10% of a CapFund grant for management improvement activities as indicated in 24 CFR Part 905.314(i).
- PHAs and PIH grantees may use HCV administrative fees or unrestricted net position (UNP) to address LEP requirements for HCV and project-based voucher ([PBV](#)) program activities and materials.
- [Mainstream](#) voucher’s administrative fees (and UNP) and Emergency Housing Voucher’s ([EHVs](#)) administrative fees and service fees can also be used for eligible activities for addressing LEP requirements for those respective programs.

For detailed information, including examples of each use, refer to the [notice](#).

PD&R Opens Competition for Secretary’s Award

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has [posted](#) a call for entries for the 2024 Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships – Housing and Community Development in Action. The application deadline for the award, which emphasizes partnerships between the philanthropic and public sectors, is **February 23, 2024**.

The award, sponsored by [HUD](#) in collaboration with the [Council on Foundations](#), recognizes excellence in partnerships that have both transformed the relationships between the public and philanthropic sectors and led to measurable benefits in terms of increased economic employment, health, safety, education, disaster resilience, inclusivity and cultural opportunities, and/or housing access for low and moderate-income families.

Examples of desired nominations may include projects affiliated with housing and neighborhood improvements, education, health and recreation, transportation, community participation, arts and culture, safety, disaster response, innovative regional approaches, and economic development. The announcement includes a [brochure](#) about the award and the [application form](#).



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](#).

