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## GENERAL NEWS

### HUD Publishes 2023 Inflation Factor for Civil Monetary Penalties

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD's Office of General Counsel ([OGC](#)) published a [notice](#) that provides the 2023 inflation adjustment factor for HUD's civil monetary penalty (CMP) regulations. Such adjustments are required under the [Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990](#), as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

As explained in the notice, the cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2023 is 1.07745. Adjustments are rounded to the nearest dollar. The notice includes a table showing the previous amounts and the 2023 adjusted amounts for various HUD-related civil penalties. For example, the maximum monetary penalty for a first-time violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#) has increased from \$23,011 to \$24,793.

The effective date for the 2023 inflation adjustment is March 17, 2023.

### OMB Publishes Proposed Rule on Build America, Buy America Act

On February 9, the Office of Management and Budget ([OMB](#)) issued a [proposed rule](#) that clarifies and revises the Build America, Buy America Act ([BABA](#)) requirements. OMB is proposing a new part 184 in 2 CFR Chapter I to support the implementation of the Act and revisions to 2 CFR 200.322, Domestic preferences for procurements, to clarify existing requirements. According to OMB, the proposed revisions are intended to improve uniformity and consistency in the implementation of BABA requirements across the government. The proposed rule seeks input on the definitions of construction materials, manufactured goods, and iron and steel. It also seeks suggestions for reducing burden for recipients.

Comments on the proposed rule are due **March 13, 2023**.

### HUD Issues NOFA for Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grants

Last Friday on [Grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [posted](#) the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for its [Housing Counseling Grant Program](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The NOFA makes available approximately \$3,000,000 in grants to support housing counseling organizations in assisting consumers on seeking, financing, maintaining, renting, or owning a home. The program also addresses homelessness through counseling and assists homeowners in need of foreclosure assistance. The application deadline date is **March 13, 2023**.

You'll find more information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.



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