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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Issues Proposed NSPIRE Scoring Notice

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has release a <u>pre-publication copy</u> of a *Federal Register* notice, which requests public comment and serves as a complementary document to the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (<u>NSPIRE</u>) <u>proposed rule</u> published on January 13, 2021.

HUD now seeks public review and comment on the proposed NSPIRE physical inspection scoring and ranking methodology for Public Housing and Multifamily Housing programs to implement the final NSPIRE rule once published. The scoring methodology converts observed defects into a numerical score and sets a threshold for HUD to perform additional administrative oversight by establishing a level for when a property fails an inspection (less than 60 points) and when an enforcement referral is automatic or required (less than or equal to 30 points).

Comments in response to this request are due 30 days after the notice is published in the *Federal Register*. You can find a link to the pre-publication notice on <u>this page</u> at HUD's website.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Makes \$30 Million Available in Noncompetitive FYI Vouchers

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, HUD announced that it will make available \$30 million to PHAs on a noncompetitive basis through HUD's Foster Youth to Independence (<u>FYI</u>) initiative. The funding will provide housing assistance to young adults who are leaving, or have already left, the foster care system and are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

FYI makes Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance available to PHAs in partnership with public child welfare agencies (PCWAs). The funding will help connect youth in foster care with stable housing and strengthen the community response of homelessness. PHAs can request noncompetitive FYI vouchers on a rolling basis under Notice <u>PIH 2023-04</u> once they receive a referral of an eligible youth from a partnering PCWA. The process and eligibility requirements to apply can be found in the notice.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Formula Income Worksheet for Jobs Plus Grantees

On the <u>2023 operating fund grant processing</u> webpage, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) has posted the <u>CY 2023 adjustment worksheet</u> for per unit month (PUM) formula income calculations due to the <u>Jobs Plus</u> earned income disregard (JPEID). The worksheet is dated February 6, 2023. The <u>JPEID Guidance</u>, which explains the effect of the JPEID on PUM formula income and provides instructions on how to make relevant adjustments, can also be found on the <u>2023 operating fund grant processing</u> webpage.



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