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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Session on Best Practices for SR-FRB Program

In an [email](#) via HUD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it is holding a session on the Small Rural Frozen Rolling Base ([SR-FRB](#)) program on April 18, 2024, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

The session aims to provide PHAs participating in the program with information to improve utility consumption management and identify areas for improvements. HUD’s Energy Branch staff will discuss strategies for small and rural housing authorities to maximize the benefits of the program. Topics that will be covered include utilities, energy audits, funding resources, free analytic tools, and general information to support the PHA’s efforts. Click [here](#) to register.

GENERAL NEWS

Nearly \$70 Million Granted to Protect Residents from Health and Safety Hazards

In a [press release](#) Tuesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded nearly \$70 million in grants across the country to help transform communities by fixing older housing, preserving affordable housing, and improving the health of children and families. The funds will also support studies to identify and mitigate housing-related health and safety hazards.

The grants were awarded through the following programs: Healthy Homes Production Grant, Healthy Homes and Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration Grant, Older Adult Home Modification Grant, Lead Technical Studies Grant, Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant, and Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant.

A state-by-state breakdown of the funding can be found at the bottom of the press release.

DOJ Settles Sexual Harassment Suit against Michigan Landlord

In a [press release](#) Monday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has reached an agreement with a landlord who has owned and managed over 15 rental properties in and around Dearborn Heights, Michigan, since 2013. The agreement resolves a [Fair Housing Act](#) lawsuit, filed in March 2023, which alleged that the landlord subjected actual and prospective female tenants to sexual harassment by making unwelcome comments and advances and offering them housing-related benefits in exchange for engaging in sex acts with him.

Under the terms of the proposed [consent decree](#), approved by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the landlord will pay \$185,000 in damages to eight former and prospective female tenants harmed by the harassment and a civil penalty to the United States. He will be required to take steps to vacate any retaliatory eviction judgments obtained against these tenants. Additionally, he will be permanently enjoined from personally managing rental properties in the future and will be required to retain an independent property manager to manage any rental properties he owns. The consent decree will also require the landlord to implement nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures to prevent sexual harassment at his properties in the future and to take fair housing training.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

HUD Issues April Newsletter

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

- Grantee spotlight
- Choice Neighborhoods expansion to continue in FY24
- New Choice Neighborhoods resource portal
- Funding opportunities
- Grantees in the news
- Events, tools, and publications

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