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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance on Capital Fund Safety and Security Grants

Last Friday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2023-10](#) providing guidance on emergency capital needs funding for safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity or a need for carbon monoxide alarms/detectors, and/or smoke/heat alarms/detectors. The notice supersedes HUD’s previous guidance in Notice [PIH 2022-05](#). Below are some highlights:

- Applications received by the due date will be reviewed to assess whether they meet the eligibility criteria. All applicants will be notified of the Department’s funding decisions.
- If the funds available exceed the amount requested by the due date, all on-time eligible applications may be funded. Eligible applications will be funded until the set aside is exhausted.
- If the funds requested exceed available funds, the Department will select eligible applications through a lottery process designed to achieve a broad national distribution of funds.
- Effective with Notice [PIH 2019-22](#), the Department included the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning as a potential emergency safety need for public housing residents and it may elect to include costs for the purchase, repair, replacement, and installation of carbon monoxide detectors as eligible activities for emergency safety and security grant funding.
- The Department is also including the purchase, repair, replacement, or installation of heat/smoke alarms/detectors as eligible activities for emergency safety and security grant funding.
- The emergencies for which funding is requested must have occurred within the federal fiscal year (October 1–September 30) in which the funds were appropriated.
- The maximum award will be \$250,000. A PHA may submit an application for funding for one or more of its projects as long as its request does not exceed an overall total of \$250,000 per application cycle.
- Funding is intended to provide one-time assistance for emergency measures that a PHA cannot absorb within its capital fund budget.
- Applications must include a thorough explanation of how the identified crime or drug-related activity at the PHA or in the close vicinity has increased the threat to the health and safety their public housing residents, or how the PHA has determined a safety emergency which requires the purchase, repair, replacement, or installation of carbon monoxide detectors or fire related detectors.
- To be considered complete, applications must include the documents listed in section 5 of the notice.

The due date for applications will be posted on the [OCI’s website](#).



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