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**GENERAL NEWS****HUD Publishes FY 2024 Income Limits**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has published the [income limit data set for fiscal year \(FY\) 2024](#). The set consists of several components, including the following:

- The [income limit documentation system](#), which shows the median income for each area of the country plus the low, very low, and extremely low income limits for households ranging in size from one to eight persons
- The [median family income documentation system](#)
- A transmittal notice ([PDR-2024-02](#))
- [Income limits methodology](#)
- Tables for Section 8 income limits in [PDF](#)
- Data for Section 8 income limits ([MS Excel](#))

You'll find links to all of the components of the FY 2024 income limit data set on [this page](#) at the [HUD User website](#). The limits became effective Monday, April 1, 2024, and remain effective until they are superseded by next year's limits.

**HUD Publishes in *Federal Register* Final Rule Removing Criminal Conviction Restrictions for Fair Housing Testers**

Yesterday we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) released a [prepublication copy](#) of its final rule that removes criminal conviction restrictions for fair housing testers. Today HUD has officially [published](#) the rule in the *Federal Register*.

As we mentioned yesterday, the final rule, titled "Expanding the Fair Housing Testing Pool for FHIP and FHAP Funded Entities," eliminates restrictions for Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) grantees and for Fair Housing Assistance Program ([FHAP](#)) agencies that currently bar FHIP and FHAP entities from using fair housing testers with prior felony convictions or convictions of crimes involving fraud or perjury. It also ensures FHIP and FHAP funded entities can fully investigate criminal background screening policies that are potentially discriminatory under federal civil rights laws by using a diverse group of testers with actual criminal convictions.

The effective date of the final rule is **May 3, 2024**.

**HUD Awards Over \$30 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination**

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded over \$30 million to support the efforts of national, state, and local fair housing entities across the country working to address violations of the [Fair Housing Act](#) and helping to end discrimination in housing.

The funds, awarded under the Department's Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)), will allow grantees to provide fair housing enforcement by conducting investigations, testing to identify discrimination in the rental and sales markets, and filing fair housing complaints with HUD or substantially equivalent state and local agencies. In addition, grantees will carry out education and outreach activities to inform the public, housing providers, and local governments about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

The FHIP awards are provided under the following grant categories: Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI), Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI), Education and Outreach Initiative Test Coordinator Training (EOI-TCT), and Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI). Click [here](#) for a state-by-state breakdown of the awardees.

**PH PROGRAM NEWS****PIH Reminds PHAs to Request Access and User Roles for PH Portal**

In an [email](#) yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) reminded PHAs executive directors and key staff members to request access and appropriate user roles for the Public Housing Portal through the PHA's WASS Security Coordinator, specifically if the PHA has new executive directors and/or staff. As the email states:

Access to the Public Housing Portal is required for PHAs to complete and submit several public housing and Operating Fund Grant forms and submissions throughout the year. All PHA submissions require the Executive Director to have proper roles assigned and a profile created in the Portal. In the absence of having appropriate roles assigned, PHAs will not be able to submit various submissions by the due date. HUD does not provide exceptions or waivers to PHAs for missing user accounts or incorrect access to the portal.

The email includes a graphic that helps to identify the appropriate user roles and a [user guide](#). WASS security coordinators may refer to for guidance on providing PHA staff with the appropriate access to the portal.



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