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HUD Issues Housing-Related Hazards and Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund NOFO

Yesterday on <u>Grants.gov</u>, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) <u>published</u> the notice of funding opportunity (<u>NOFO</u>) for the Housing-Related Hazards and Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund program. The NOFO makes approximately \$87,800,000 available to evaluate and reduce residential health hazards in public housing, including lead-based paint, carbon monoxide, mold, radon, and fire safety. Applications are due **July 1, 2024**. You can find a link to the NOFO and additional information on <u>this page</u> at HUD's <u>Funding Opportunities</u> website.

HUD Settles Familial Status Discrimination Case against PA Housing Providers

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has approved a <u>conciliation agreement</u> between housing providers in Pennsylvania and a family of former tenants resolving allegations that the housing providers discriminated against the family when terminating their lease because a member of the family had a second child.

The agreement arises from a complaint alleging that the housing providers violated the Fair Housing Act by having an overly rigid occupancy policy that discriminated based on familial status. The complaint alleges that when a baby was born to a family of four, respondents terminated the family's lease for a two-bedroom unit because of the occupancy policy. Under the terms of the agreement, the housing providers will pay \$70,000 to the tenants, attend fair housing training, develop an occupancy policy that conforms with the Fair Housing Act, and train their staff on the new occupancy policy.

The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, national origin, disability, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), and familial status.



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