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PH PROGRAM NEWS

OCI Updates Faircloth Limits

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has posted an [updated list](#) of the Faircloth limits for all PHAs in the country. The limits represent the maximum number of public housing units eligible for capital and operating subsidy as of December 31, 2022. Since PHAs will not be funded for those units that exceed the Faircloth limit, they are responsible for reviewing the list and notifying HUD if they believe their posted Faircloth limit is not accurate. To notify HUD of a possible error, PHAs should send an email to PIHOCI@hud.gov with "Faircloth Limit Correction for..." and the PHA code in the subject line. The list, which is updated on a quarterly basis, can be found on [OCI's home page](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Webinar on Addressing Homelessness through HCV

On the [HCV program trainings and resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it will host a webinar titled "HCV Utilization - Addressing Homelessness through HCV." The webinar will review the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness' (USICH) Federal Strategic Plan (FSP) and how HCV resources can be deployed to end homelessness. Specifically, HUD will cover recent updates, funding opportunities, and new tools available in special purpose voucher programs including the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative, the Family Unification Program (FUP), Stability Vouchers, EHV's, and VASH. HUD will also give a brief overview of the new [Housing Mobility Toolkit](#) and the FY 2023 set-aside funding application process and awards. The webinar is scheduled for April 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. To register, click [here](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Kicks Off Fair Housing Month

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has kicked off Fair Housing Month 2023. Each April, HUD, local communities, and fair housing advocates and organizations celebrate Fair Housing Month by hosting various activities highlighting HUD's enforcement efforts, enhancing awareness of fair housing rights, and emphasizing the importance of ending housing discrimination. This year's theme is *Choices for All Voices: Building an Equitable Future*.

The Fair Housing Month virtual open ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) to register. The closing event, *Building an Equitable Future: A Housing Policy Conversation with Gen Z College Students*, will take place on Wednesday, April 26, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) to register. You can find a complete listing of HUD Fair Housing Month events and activities, as well as supporting materials, on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

HUD Charges CA Owner with Familial Status Discrimination

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it is [charging](#) the owner of an apartment building in California with discriminating against a family with two minor children. HUD's charge alleges that a couple expecting their first child rented a one-bedroom apartment and, even before the couple moved into the apartment, the owner expressed displeasure that a child would be living in the unit and suggested that the couple rent a larger, more expensive unit instead. From then on, the owner made repeated efforts to convince the couple to move to a larger unit, although the couple made clear they could not afford it. After learning that the couple was expecting a second child, the owner allegedly increased her efforts, repeatedly telling the couple that their children would cause damage to the apartment. Feeling harassed and at risk of imminent eviction, the family moved out of the apartment.

HUD's charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge unless any party elects to have the case heard in federal district court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the family for losses caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief, to deter further discrimination, as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose civil penalties to vindicate the public interest. If the case is heard in federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the complainant.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits discrimination against families with children under the age of 18. This includes making housing unavailable to families with children, making discriminatory statements about them, and harassing tenants because they are pregnant or have young children.



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