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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Stops Efforts to Amend ACC

Recently, HUD 's General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)), Dominique Blom, announced that the Department will stop its efforts to amend the public housing annual contributions contract (ACC). The decision of leaving the ACC as-is constitutes a huge win for PHAs after various [professional organizations](#) advocated against it ensuring that the relationship between HUD and PHAs will not change. As you recall, in May 2018, HUD introduced a revised ACC, however, in October of the same year, the Department nullified that new version and reinstated the previous one.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in PHA Occupancy Webinar Series

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [announced](#) that it will be hosting the latest in its series of webinars on PHA occupancy. The trainings provide PHAs across the country with a series of requirements, conditions, and terms associated with each unit subcategory and improve the performance and management of operating subsidy funds. The training materials help gain a thorough understanding of a wide spectrum of topics related to occupancy as well as the knowledge on how to develop and implement solutions.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled "[Best Practices for Achieving Optimal Occupancy](#)," will improve PHA grantee knowledge about achieving maximum occupancy for small and/or rural agencies that can be a challenge as well as determining when/if to transition or reposition the portfolio. The webinar will also provide strategies for achieving optimal occupancy. The focus will be on small and/or rural PHAs; however, all PHA's are encouraged to attend.

The live web conference is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to register.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

HUD Opens Applications for Planning Grants

Yesterday on [Grants.gov](#), HUD [announced](#) that it is making available approximately \$10,000,000 in funding for [Choice Neighborhoods planning grants](#). Applications are due by **June 6, 2023**.

Choice Neighborhoods planning grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that focus on directing resources to address three core goals: housing, people, and neighborhood. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or "transformation plan." The transformation plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

You can find the notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)) and additional information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Materials for HCV Utilization Webinars

On the [HCV Program Trainings and Resources](#) webpage, HUD has posted the materials for the following sessions in its HCV Utilization webinar series:

- Review of 2023 Funding ([recording](#), [slides](#))
- Best Practices in Waitlist Management ([recording](#), [slides](#))

The HCV Utilization webinar series is intended to help Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program administrators learn about the latest HCV resources, program guidance, policy changes, and best practices in HCV administration. You can watch previous webinars [here](#).



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