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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts CY 2022 EDSC Guidance

Yesterday on the <u>CY 2022 operating fund grant processing webpage</u>, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) posted a <u>guidance document</u> for the calendar year (CY) 2022 Elderly/Disabled Services Coordinator (EDSC) program. The document is careful to note that the EDSC program is not the same as the former ROSS-Elderly and Persons with Disabilities program or the current ROSS-Service Coordinators program—only PHAs that received funding in 1995 through the EDSC program are eligible to receive operating fund (OpFund) grant to finance this activity. The document states that eligible PHAs may obtain their CY 2022 EDSC funding level by multiplying their total CY 2020 EDSC funding level by the CY 2022 PEL inflation factor and making a reasonable allocation to the project level at the discretion of the PHA. The CY 2022 EDSC listing by PHA was also posted. Further details can be found in the <u>guidance document</u>.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards Additional \$20 Million Under Eviction Protection Grant Program

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it is awarding \$20 million in new grants for its Eviction Protection Grant Program, doubling the amount originally allocated in November 2021 when the program was launched.

HUD has offered grants to 11 organizations, in addition to the <u>10 organizations</u> selected in November, to help nonprofits and governmental entities provide legal assistance to low-income tenants at risk or subject to eviction. According to the announcement, legal services are integral in helping individuals and families avoid eviction or minimize the disruption and damage caused by the eviction process, especially people of color who are disproportionately represented among those evicted, people with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities

Through HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (<u>PD&R</u>), these competitive grants were made available to legal service providers serving or expanding services in areas with high rates of eviction or prospective evictions, including rural areas. A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the <u>press release</u>.

The Eviction Protection Grant Program is part of the "whole government approach" in supporting families recovering from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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