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#### PH PROGRAM NEWS

##### HUD Issues NOFO for Capital Fund at Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Program

This week on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) titled "Capital Fund at Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Program." The NOFO makes available approximately \$26,500,000 to provide PHAs in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk, with funds for costs associated with public housing asset improvement. Use of this funding is focused on improving public housing asset management project performance in two core areas:

- Physical condition: Improve the physical condition of public housing. Successful applicants must demonstrate a comprehensive strategy on how the funds will provide residents access to safe and decent public housing through improved public housing assets.
- Management: Increase occupancy and reduce long-term vacancies through capital investment.

PHAs with the legal authority to develop, own, modernize, and operate a public housing project in accordance with the 1937 Act are eligible. The application deadline date is **July 11, 2022**. You can find the link to the [NOFO](#) and additional information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

#### 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 **July 28, 2022**.

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.

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#### GENERAL NEWS

##### HUD Takes Action to Expand Broadband to Low-Income Households

In a [press release](#) Monday, HUD announced that it has informed more than four million HUD-assisted families that receiving benefits from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) does not count as income for determining family rent or impact their eligibility for HUD assistance.

HUD's announcement comes as part of the current administration's comprehensive effort to drive enrollment in the ACP, which will help lower the cost of broadband for eligible households and expand access to reliable services for rural, urban, and suburb and Tribal communities across the country. Households receiving HUD rental assistance qualify for ACP subsidies, but families need to enroll in the program in order to receive the benefit. HUD is supporting this effort by informing HUD households that ACP does not count as income for determining family rent or impact eligibility for HUD households.

According to a [fact sheet](#) issued on Monday, the current administration has secured commitments from a set of large and small internet providers to offer high-speed broadband prices at \$30 a month or less, enabling tens of millions of low-income households eligible for the ACP to get high-speed internet access at no charge. The administration has also created [GetInternet.gov](#), a new website with details on how Americans can sign up for ACP and find participating internet providers in their area.

The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

##### Treasury Posts New ERAP Resource

Yesterday the U.S. Department of Treasury ([Treasury](#)) posted the following resource to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ([ERAP](#)) website:

- Promising practices for implementing [housing stability](#) services into ERA programs.

You can find more ERA resources on the [ERAP website](#).



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