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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts CY 2022 Faircloth Limit Guidance

Last Friday on the [CY 2022 operating fund grant processing webpage](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) posted the [CY 2022 Faircloth limit guidance](#). The document, dated May 13, 2022, provides instructions for HUD field offices on how to adjust their unit months in compliance with the Faircloth Amendment, which limits the construction of new public housing units. The [CY 2022 Faircloth limit list](#) was posted in March.

You can access both the guidance document and the Faircloth limit list [here](#), on the CY 2022 operating fund grant processing webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against Wisconsin Rental Property Owners

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against owners of rental properties in Wisconsin alleging that they violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) by subjecting female residents to sexual harassment and retaliation.

DOJ's [complaint](#), filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, alleges that the owner and manager of the properties sexually harassed numerous female tenants since at least 2000. According to the complaint, he made repeated and unwelcome sexual comments, entered the homes of female tenants without consent, touched their bodies without consent, requested sexual contact, offered reduced or free rent in exchange for sexual contact and took adverse housing-related actions against those who refused his sexual advances. The lawsuit also names as a defendant his wife, who co-owns some of the properties.

The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate persons harmed by the alleged harassment, civil penalties to vindicate the public interest, and a court order barring future discrimination. The complaint contains allegations of unlawful conduct, which must be proven in federal court.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status. In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division [announced](#) the [Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative](#). The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 24 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing and recovered over \$9.5 million for victims of such harassment.



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