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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces FY 2022 Capital Fund Program Awards

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded \$3.2 billion to 2,813 PHAs under the Capital Fund Program ([CFP](#)) for the development, financing, and modernization of public housing projects and for management improvements. PHAs receiving CFP formula awards are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Click [here](#) for a complete list of awards recipients and the amounts they were granted.

Last week on the new [2022 Capital Fund Processing Information](#) webpage, the Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) posted the FY 2022 Capital Fund processing [guidance](#) for PHAs, a [letter](#) to executive directors, and an ACC amendment [template](#).

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Settles Sexual Harassment Lawsuit against Iowa Landlord

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has secured an agreement to resolve a lawsuit alleging that a landlord in Iowa violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) by sexually harassing female tenants. The settlement also resolves claims against a business corporation which, along with the landlord, owned the properties where the harassment occurred.

The lawsuit, filed in 2020, alleged that since at least 2010, the landlord subjected female tenants to harassment that included making unwelcome sexual comments and advances, touching the tenants' bodies without their consent, entering their homes without their consent and without prior notice, and taking adverse actions against tenants who resisted his sexual overtures or complained about the harassment.

Under the [consent order](#), which still must be approved by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, defendants are required to pay \$135,000 to compensate individuals harmed by the harassment and pay a civil penalty to the United States. The consent order also prohibits the landlord from continuing to manage rental housing, requires the landlord to retain an independent property manager to manage any rental properties he owns now or in the future, and requires defendants to obtain fair housing training and implement comprehensive nondiscrimination policies and complaint procedures to prevent sexual harassment at their properties in the future.

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.



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