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PIH Issues 2022 Funding Notice for Voucher Program

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2022-14 to explain the funding provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. Below are some highlights of the 60-page notice:

- Section 4 of the notice explains the five-step process that the PIH office used to determine voucher renewal funding for PHAs in 2022.
- The 2022 Act provides \$200 million for the HAP set-aside. HUD has the authority to provide adjustments to PHA allocations for set-aside categories 1 through 7 as described in Section 13 of the notice.
- PHAs that may qualify for set-aside funds must apply by close of business June 15, 2022, for the Portability, PBVs, MTW New Cohorts, Lower-than-average Leasing, and NLT Inspection Withheld Housing Assistance Payments categories.
- There are two deadline dates for the *Unforeseen Circumstances* and *HUD-VASH* categories. The first round of applications is due June 15, 2022. Applications received after the first deadline will be accepted until the second and final deadline of no later than September 30, 2022.
- The Disaster category has also two deadline dates. The first round of applications is due September 30, 2022. Applications received after the first deadline will be accepted until the second and final deadline of no later than December 30, 2022.
- The shortfall set-aside funding will remain open all year. PHAs may apply at any time during the application period.
- With respect to tenant protection vouchers (TPVs), HUD will provide replacement vouchers for occupied units as described in Notice PIH 2018-09, however, as of the publication date of yesterday's notice, HUD is suspending the allocation of replacement of TPVs for vacant units. According to the notice, if there are TPV funds leftover at the end of CY 2022, in chronological order of application receipt date, HUD may allocate replacement TPVs for vacant units occupied by an assisted family in the previous 24 months. You can find details on tenant protection vouchers in Section 5 of the notice.
- PIH will make available up to \$30 million in administrative fee funding for homeownership fees, special fees for multifamily housing conversion actions, special fees for receiving PHAs where portability vouchers are a significant portion of vouchers under lease, special audit fees for declaring HCV programs, and for HCV voluntary transfers. Special fees needed for PHAs experiencing increased administrative expenses as a result of administering tenant protection rental assistance, disaster-related vouchers, HUD-VASH vouchers, and other special purpose incremental vouchers, are also eligible special fees. Special fees are not applicable to Mainstream Vouchers.
- The Act also provides \$50 million for new incremental vouchers for the HUD-VASH program. This new funding will be added to the approximately \$29 million available from prior year funding for a total of approximately \$79 million to be made available for PHAs in 2022. As provided by the 2022 Act, vouchers will be awarded based on geographic need and PHA administrative performance.
- In addition, the Act provides \$459 million for the Mainstream program, \$30 million for the Family Unification Program (FUP), and \$25 million for Mobility-related Services. HUD will implement guidance related to FUP and issue a notice of funding opportunity for Mobilityrelated services at a later date.
- The 2022 Act provides \$200,000,000 for new HCV Incremental Vouchers. HUD plans to award these vouchers through a noncompetitive formula later in the year. A forthcoming operational notice will describe the eligibility formula, uses of funds, and reporting requirements for these vouchers.
- The notice states that HUD intends to issue additional guidance on the use of administrative fees for other expenses of PHAs administering the HCV program in a forthcoming notice.

Further details can be found in the notice.

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the Tools page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (TYT) and the Tool of Tools (ToT) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of May 19, 2022. For further details, visit the Tools page.



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