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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Reminds PHAs to Request Operating Funds for New Projects

In an email yesterday via HUD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) reminded PHAs that they must request funding for new projects no later than **June 1, 2023**. PHAs must submit requests by email to their local field office. The email must include the project development number and the text requesting funding for the new project. If the new project is eligible for funding, HUD will deploy forms HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 and notify PHAs via email no later than June 15, 2023. PHAs must submit the new project tools using the [operating fund web portal](#) by June 22, 2023. Submissions received after June 22, 2023, may not be considered for funding in CY 2023.

HUD Issues Capital Fund at Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled NOFO

Yesterday 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 \$12,500,000 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 and affirmative marketing.

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 **August 21, 2023**. You can find the link to the NOFO and additional information on [this page](#) at HUD’s [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against PA Property Owner and Operator

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the owner and operator of rental properties in Pennsylvania alleging sexual harassment and retaliation in violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#).

The [lawsuit](#), filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, alleges that the owner has sexually harassed female tenants since at least 2016. According to the complaint, he made repeated and unwelcome sexual comments to female tenants, touched female tenants’ bodies without their permission, requested sexual contact, offered reduced or free rent in exchange for sexual contact and took retaliatory actions against female tenants who refused his sexual advances. 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 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 32 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing and recovered over \$10.8 million for victims of such harassment.



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