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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PD&R Explains 2022 Renewal Funding Inflation Factors

In a Federal Register notice today, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) announced the 2022 renewal funding inflation factor (RFIF) data set for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. However, as of this morning, the 2022 tables have yet to be posted on the RFIF web page.

Inflation factors incorporate economic indices to measure the expected change in per unit costs (PUC) for the HCV program. Today's notice provides the following explanation of the 2022 inflation factors:

The notice apportions the expected percent change in the national per unit cost (PUC) for the HCV program, 4.68 percent, to each PHA based on the change in fair market rents (FMRs) for their operating area to produce the FY 2022 RFIFs. HUD's FY 2022 methodology is the same as that which was used in FY 2021.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates OpFund Grant Interim Eligibility for CY 2022

In an email yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) <u>mailing list</u>, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) announced that it has updated the operating fund (OpFund) grant interim eligibility for calendar year 2022. PHAs can find their interim OpFund eligibility in the PHA Reports and Submissions module at the OpFund web portal.

PHAs should contact their local field office by email with any questions or comments about their interim eligibility. Request for corrections must be sent to their field office by **May 26, 2022.** Any request made after May 26, 2022, may be subject to a delay in processing.

MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues NOFO for Qualitative Research on Stepped and Tiered Rent Cohort

Yesterday on grants.gov, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) <u>posted</u> the notice of funding opportunity (<u>NOFO</u>) titled "Qualitative Data Collection for Cohort 2 MTW Expansion – Rent Reform Experiment." The NOFO makes available \$1,000,000 for qualitative research that will document how low-income renters understand and respond to the new rent policies being tested in the second cohort of the Moving to Work (<u>MTW</u>) <u>expansion</u>. As you recall, through the 10 agencies selected in the <u>second cohort</u>, HUD will evaluate alternative rent policies, such as tiered rents and stepped rents, designed to increase resident self-sufficiency and reduce PHA administrative burdens.

The application deadline date is **July 7, 2022**. You can find the link to the <u>NOFO</u> and additional information on <u>this page</u> at HUD's <u>Funding Opportunities</u> website.



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