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EDITOR'S NOTE

The NMA office will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday and will reopen Tuesday morning. Enjoy your holiday.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues Notice of New System of Records

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) announced its intent to establish a new system of records in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The purpose of the new system, titled the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) Mobility Demonstration Evaluation data files, is to serve as a repository to store, maintain, and statistically analyze all data collected through the evaluation of the HCV Mobility demonstration. Comments on the new system of records will be accepted on or before **June 27, 2022**. Additional information can be found in today's [notice](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Issues NOFO to Evaluate Impact of ERA on Housing Stability Outcomes

Yesterday on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [posted](#) a notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)) announcing the availability of \$2,000,000 for the research project titled "Impact Evaluation of the Emergency Rental Assistance ([ERA](#)) Program." According to the announcement:

The objective of the NOFO is to fund rigorous evaluations of the impact of ERA on housing stability outcomes. HUD's primary outcome of interest is eviction, but applicants can propose other housing stability measures. The research funded under this NOFO will advance scientific knowledge and produce policy-relevant evidence on the impact of the ERA program on evictions and may inform the development of future approaches to helping families maintain housing stability and avoid eviction.

HUD expects to make approximately four awards from the funds available. The application deadline date is **July 28, 2022**. You can find the link to the [NOFO](#) and additional information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HUD Announces Assistance for Kansas Disaster Survivors

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas of Kansas affected by severe winter storms and straight-line winds from March 17 to March 22, 2022.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) issued on May 25, 2022, allows HUD to offer assistance to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of damaged facilities in impacted counties. Effective immediately, the department will:

- Grant a [90-day moratorium](#) on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#)
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development Grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH-2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Provide administrative flexibility to tribes and their tribally designated housing entities through regulatory waivers.
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist
- Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding, provided by FEMA, is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.

DOJ Settles Racial Discrimination Lawsuit against Georgia Landlords

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia has approved a consent decree resolving the department's [Fair Housing Act](#) lawsuit alleging racial discrimination in housing by the owners and manager of two rental properties in Georgia. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status.

The lawsuit, filed in May 2020, alleged that the defendants steered Black housing applicants who are elderly or have a disability away from a predominantly white housing complex to another housing complex that is inferior in appearance, location and amenities. Most residents in the second location are Black. The lawsuit further alleged that the defendants subjected Black residents who are elderly or have a disability to less favorable rental terms, conditions, and privileges as compared to similarly situated white tenants. The defendants' policies allegedly perpetuated segregation at the two properties.

Under the [court-approved decree](#), the defendants are required to pay \$83,000 in damages to three former tenants who were allegedly harmed as a result of the defendants' racial steering, pay a civil penalty to the United States, implement nondiscriminatory policies and procedures, complete fair housing training, and submit periodic reports to the Justice Department.



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