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GENERAL NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance on Housing Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) published Notice [PIH 2023-13](#) to provide PHAs administering Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) programs with strategies for expanding housing opportunities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Specifically, the notice:

- Supersedes previous guidance found in Notice [PIH 2013-15](#)
- Applies to PHAs administering Public Housing and/or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs and Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Revises the definition of homelessness for the purpose of reporting in the Inventory Management System/Public Housing Information Center (IMS/PIC) or its successor system
- Provides updated guidance on:
 - Waiting list management and preferences
 - Screening policies regarding criminal activity, substance use, and rental history
 - Program termination and eviction policies
 - Information regarding pairing project-based vouchers with CoC supportive services to create permanent supportive housing

Through Notice [PIH 2022-29](#), published on August 26, 2022, HUD awarded more than 19,000 new HCVs to PHAs that may be used as an additional resource to combat homelessness in local communities. Yesterday’s notice describes how PHAs can use these new vouchers strategically by collaborating with their local CoC to establish preferences to assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. In addition to information on preferences, the notice addresses multiple ways in which PHAs can most effectively target and serve families experiencing homelessness through updated occupancy policies.



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