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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Delays Implementation of NSPIRE-V Until October 2025

In a [letter](#) sent today to PHAs, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it has extended the compliance date for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ([NSPIRE](#)) for the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) and Project-Based Voucher ([PBV](#)) programs (NSPIRE-V) until **October 1, 2025**. Highlights of the email include:

- In the coming weeks, PIH will reissue the original [NSPIRE-V notice](#) with updated information. The revised notice will articulate actions that PHAs can take to meet the new compliance extension date of October 1, 2025.
- Once the extension is final, HUD will announce it in the *Federal Register*
- The NSPIRE standard for carbon monoxide alarms will still apply during this extension because it implements Congressional requirements already in effect
- HUD will soon update the NSPIRE smoke alarm standard to include either hard wired or sealed, 10-year batteries smoke alarms. PHAs will be required to comply with this new standard before December 23, 2024, even if they are still under the previously defined HQS standard.
- The visual assessment standard for potential lead-based paint hazards still applies, as NSPIRE did not revise the existing requirements
- PHAs that have existing approvals for acceptability criteria variations will still need those approvals reviewed by HUD, but this deadline is extended to before October 1, 2025.
- All current acceptability criteria variations and alternate inspection methods can remain in place until HUD completes the review unless they included approval of fuel-burning space heaters. Approval of their use as a variation concluded on January 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, you can send an email to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance on Use of Funds to Respond to Extreme Heat

Late yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2024-20](#) providing new guidance on the use of HUD funding to help mitigate the impacts of extreme heat for residents in public housing. This new guidance allows PHAs to adjust utility allowances or waive surcharges for the use of cooling, so that residents can use air conditioning or other cooling systems during periods of severe or extreme heat. Specifically, the notice:

- Clarifies guidance related to the use of cooling technologies, including the use of air conditioning, in public housing
- Reviews eligible uses of capital funds for activities related to cooling
- Explains how PHAs have the discretion to establish individual relief policies for excess utilities consumption due to severe or extreme heat and the steps a PHA would need to take to adopt such a policy
- Summarizes eligible uses of operating subsidy for cooling in the absence of any individual relief policies
- Allows PHAs to define severe or extreme heat more broadly to support families

The notice applies to PHAs administering the Public Housing program, including those that participate in the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration. For additional resources on extreme heat visit HUD’s [Extreme Heat](#) webpage and the collection of resources at [HUDEXchange](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Eviction Protection Grant Program NOFO

Yesterday on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [posted](#) the notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)) for the Eviction Protection Grant Program ([EPGP](#)). The Department is making available approximately \$40,000,000 to fund nonprofit organizations and government entities to provide legal assistance at no cost to low-income tenants at risk of or subject to eviction. The application deadline date is **August 20, 2024**. You’ll find a link to the NOFO on [this page](#) at HUD’s [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HUD Publishes Funding Awards in *Federal Register*

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, HUD’s Office of the Chief Financial Officer published a list of the entities that received competitive funding awards for the following programs:

- FY 2022 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
- FY 2021 Youth Homeless Demonstration Program
- FY 2021 Continuum of Care Grants

The amounts of the awards are included in the list. For further details, please see today’s [notice](#).



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