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## **GENERAL NEWS**

## **HUD Posts FSS Final Rule Materials**

On the Family Self-Sufficiency (<u>FSS</u>) program webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has posted new materials related to the <u>final rule</u>, published on May 17, 2022, which amends HUD's regulations to implement changes to the FSS program. The published resources include:

- Word Version of Final Rule
- FSS Final Rule and New 24 CFR 984 Regulations
- Summary of Changes and What's Next?
- FSS Escrow Spreadsheet for PHAs
- FSS Escrow Spreadsheet for Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) owners
- HUD-52650 FSS Contract of Participation
- Multifamily reporting tool
- FSS Monitoring Review Tool Self-Assessment
- FSS Annual Report

According to the website, links to other resources will be added as they are available.

## **HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series**

On the <u>HUD Exchange News webpage</u>, HUD announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of <u>training webinars</u> on the <u>ConnectHome</u> initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation

The upcoming webinar, titled "Preparing for New Broadband Funding: A Collaborative Partnership Model," will provide an opportunity to hear from the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) and the Broadband Action Teams (BATs) about their collaborative partnership for advancing digital equity. The live web conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information, including <a href="instructions">instructions</a> on how to register.

## Nominations Open for Secretary's Historic Preservation Award

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) has announced the opening of nominations for the 2022-2023 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The annual award is presented jointly by HUD and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to recognize developers, organizations, and agencies for their success in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate-income families and individuals. Nominated projects or activities will be judged for the success they have achieved in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring, and interpreting architectural and cultural heritage. Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- Promote the use of historic buildings for affordable housing, community development, and/or expanded economic opportunities
- Include HUD funds, financing, or other assistance
- Meet preservation guidelines
- Contribute to local and/or tribal community revitalization efforts



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