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GENERAL NEWS

President Issues Executive Order on LGBTQI+ Equality

Last week, President Joe Biden issued an [executive order](#) that was published in the *Federal Register* today aimed at advancing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) individuals. Specifically, the order directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) to establish a working group on LGBTQI+ homelessness and housing equity, which will lead an initiative that aims to prevent and address homelessness and housing instability among LGBTQI+ individuals, including youth and households. The initiative will:

- Identify and address barriers to housing that LGBTQI+ individuals face that put them at high risk of housing instability and homelessness
- Provide guidance and technical assistance to HUD contractors, grantees, and programs on effectively and respectfully serving LGBTQI+ individuals and ensure compliance with fair housing requirements
- Seek funding opportunities for culturally appropriate services that address barriers to housing for LGBTQI+ individuals and the high rates of LGBTQI+ homelessness

The Secretary of HUD will submit a report to the President detailing progress in implementing the required provisions of the order within one year of the date of the order.

HUD Announces NOFOs for Lead Hazard Reduction and Technical Studies

Last Friday on [grants.gov](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) posted the notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) for both the 2022 [Lead Hazard Reduction Grant](#) program and the [Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grant](#) program.

As noted in a [press release](#) last Friday, the [Lead Hazard Reduction Grant NOFO](#) makes approximately \$520,000,000 available to help protect children from lead poisoning. The application deadline date is **August 8, 2022**.

As for the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies grant, funding is available “to improve HUD’s and the public’s knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on lead and other key residential health and safety hazards.” The [NOFO](#) makes approximately \$7,000,000 available under the program. The application deadline is **July 18, 2022**.

You’ll find a link to both NOFOs on HUD’s [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

SAC Issues Memorandum on Disposition Application Approvals

On June 7, 2022, the Special Applications Center ([SAC](#)) issued a [memorandum](#) to public housing directors and regional administrators titled "Special Applications Center (SAC) Letter Approvals of Section 18 Disposition Proceeds." The memo clarifies guidance and requirements regarding disposition application approvals. Highlights of the memo include:

- SAC's approval of a disposition application is considered final, even if a prior SAC approval letter requires an additional HUD approval for an alternative use of proceeds.
- HUD retains the discretion to exercise additional PHA oversight regarding its use of proceeds to ensure that its uses are in line with requirements.
- PHAs may request guidance in cases where the use of proceeds was not identified in the application or where there is a change in the use of proceeds and the PHA is concerned that the use is not consistent with statutory requirements.
- In some circumstances, PHAs may be required to submit additional reporting on their proceeds use.
- PHAs must indicate the receipt of proceeds on their financial data schedules (FDS) submitted to HUD. PHAs indicate proceeds as a "restricted" asset on the associated project's FDS. For projects terminated in IMS/PIC, the PHA indicates proceeds in the "Other Project Column" of the Low Rent Program.
- Similarly, PHAs must maintain records on the use of proceeds in accordance with 24 CFR [990.280](#) and [990.285](#). Such records may include transferring proceeds from the original project to another permitted project or program.
- If the Field Office suspects a violation of a PHA's proceeds use, the Field Office will report such violations to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments (DAS/OPHI) with a copy of such report to the SAC, so the matter can be investigated and an enforcement decision can be made.

Further details can be found in the [memorandum](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces Webinar Series for Emergency Housing Vouchers

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has listed a series of upcoming webinars on Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHVs](#)). The webinars are listed as follows:

- Landlord Financial Incentives – June 28, 2022, at 3 p.m. Eastern time
- Marketing, Outreach, and Retention Strategies – July 12, 2022, at 3 p.m. Eastern time
- Landlord Engagement and Identification Webinar Wildcard – July 26, 2022, at 3 p.m. Eastern Time

While links to the upcoming webinars have not yet been posted, they will likely become available as the webinar date approaches. You can find the list of webinars and other resources for EHVs on [this page](#) at HUD's website.



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