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## GENERAL NEWS

### HUD Announces NOFO for Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies

Today on [Grants.gov](#), HUD [announced](#) the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for its 2024 Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies (LHHTS) grant program. According to the program description, funding is available “to improve 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 \$13,200,000 available under the program. The application deadline is **June 21, 2024**.

### HUD Settles Discrimination Case against MI Housing Provider

In a [press release](#) today, HUD announced that it has entered into a [conciliation agreement](#) with a Michigan housing provider resolving allegations that they denied housing to a woman because of her disability and status as a survivor under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The woman alleged that the landlord did not respond to her rental application due to her vision impairment and because she disclosed that a past tenancy was terminated due to experiencing dating violence and stalking.

Under the conciliation agreement, the respondent will pay \$8,500 to the resident, take affirmative steps to ensure their policies, practices, and procedures comply with VAWA and the Fair Housing Act, and require all their staff to attend VAWA-related training.

Under [VAWA](#), individuals in certain federal housing and homeless assistance programs cannot be denied housing, evicted, or lose assistance due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. They also have the right to request an emergency transfer for safety reasons related to violence. VAWA ensures the right to call 9-1-1 without fear of losing housing, and it prohibits retaliation by housing providers for exercising VAWA rights or assisting others in doing so. These protections apply regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Further, the [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing providers from discriminating against people with disabilities, including refusing to make reasonable accommodations in policies or practices when such accommodations may be necessary to provide them an equal opportunity to use or enjoy a dwelling.

## PH PROGRAM NEWS

### HUD Awards \$10 Million in Emergency Safety and Security Grants

In a [press release](#) late yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded \$10 million to 65 PHAs throughout the country to make needed

capital improvements in public housing developments that serve to enhance safety and security for residents.

The funds, awarded under the [Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security program](#), may be used to install, repair, or replace capital equipment or systems that contribute to a safer living environment for residents, including security systems/surveillance cameras, fencing, lighting systems, emergency alarm systems, window bars, deadbolt locks, doors, and carbon monoxide detectors. The grants also support crime prevention.

To view a complete list of the grantees, the amounts they were awarded, and grant category, click [here](#).



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