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## **HCV PROGRAM NEWS**

## **HUD Awards \$45 Million in Stability Vouchers**

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it is awarding \$45 million for 3,379 stability vouchers to 135 PHAs and partnering Continuum of Care (CoC) communities across the country. On April 17, 2023, HUD <u>announced</u> that 62 CoC communities are receiving \$486 million in grants to address unsheltered and/or rural homelessness and invited the PHAs that partnered with these CoCs to receive stability vouchers.

The <u>Stability Voucher</u> program makes housing choice voucher (<u>HCV</u>) assistance available through a competitive process to PHAs that are partnering with local CoCs and/or victim service providers to assist households experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; and veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the proceeding criteria. HUD gave first priority to PHAs that formally partnered with CoCs in responding to HUD's special notice of funding opportunity (<u>NOFO</u>) to address unsheltered and rural homelessness. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see the full list of PHAs to receive funding.

## **RAD PROGRAM NEWS**

## **HUD Issues Choice-Mobility Guidebook, Launches Post-Conversion RAD PBRA Website**

Yesterday via <a href="RADBlast!">RADBlast!</a>, HUD announced that in response to recent feedback that many residents were unaware of their right to exercise the choice-mobility option and from PHAs that were looking for the best ways to implement choice-mobility, it has developed a "best practices" guidebook that PHAs and owners can use as a comprehensive resource.

The <u>Choice-Mobility Guidebook</u> discusses components of a comprehensive choice-mobility policy, guidance for communications with residents, turnover voucher management, and many more topic areas. Additionally, the guide is supplemented with sample materials PHAs and owners can use such as an info sheets for residents, a sample choice-mobility request form, and sample language that can be included in a PHA plan or housing choice voucher administrative plan.

In addition, HUD announced that it has launched a new website that provides useful resources to PHAs and owners that are in the process or have recently converted public housing, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation, Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payment, and Section 202 PRAC assistance to Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA). Online information available to owners includes, but is not limited to, finding tenant rental assistance certification system (TRACS) compliant software and preparing TRACS submissions, rent adjustments and utility analysis requirements, Violence Against Women Act guidance, and more. For RAD conversions to Project-Based Vouchers (PBV), please refer to HUD's RAD PBV website.

Other articles featured in the RADBlast! include "RAD-for-Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC) Conversions and Capital Needs Assessments" and "On-site Technical Assistance on Resident Rights." Although the latest issue has yet to be posted online, you can access previous issues on <a href="https://doi.org/10.100/journal.com/">https://doi.org/10.100/journal.com/</a> to join the RADBlast! mailing list.



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