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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Webinar on Payment Standards

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) will host a webinar to help PHAs to understand and use payment standards, exception payment standards, fair market rents (FMRs), and small area FMRs (SAFMRs). Participants will also learn best practices and tools to use in implementing payment standards, FMRs, and SAFMRs.

The webinar, which will take place on June 10, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, is part of a training series intended to assist PHAs with the financial management of their voucher programs and related funding. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards Funding to Fight Housing Discrimination

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$125,000 to support fair housing organizations working to help end housing discrimination. The funds, provided through the department's Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)), will help people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination and educate housing providers about fair housing laws. According to the announcement, FHIP funding will be used to provide emergency relief to fair housing organizations to address fair housing inquiries, complaints, investigations, education and outreach activities, and the costs of delivering or adapting services, during or relating to the coronavirus pandemic.

Through this funding opportunity, HUD awarded a grant to the Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, Inc., which will receive \$125,000 to expand its capacity to respond to increased volume of complaint inquires and allegations of discrimination during the coronavirus pandemic and reduce discrimination against protected classes in Greater Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley, PA. The grant recipient has proposed to screen 200 complaint inquiries; provide information, advice, or referrals to 100 consumers with landlord tenant complaints; process 100 allegations of housing discrimination; assist 15 people with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodation or modifications; and refer 20 complaints to HUD, the U.S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) or private attorneys.

The press release states that another \$3,385,353 in ARP funding will be made available to eligible applicants through another notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) in the near future.

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Lawsuit against MD Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) yesterday HUD announced that it has entered into a consent order with a Maryland condominium company and its management agent to resolve a disability discrimination lawsuit. HUD's charge alleged that the housing providers violated the Fair Housing Act by refusing to waive their rule limiting occupants to two persons per bedroom to allow a family of eight, one of which was a young child having bone marrow transplant treatment at nearby hospital, to temporarily rent a three-bedroom condominium. According to the press release, the family needed to live together to facilitate the young child's medical treatment and care, which included the screening of all family members for a viable bone marrow donor. The condominium's board of directors levied a monthly fine against the unit's owner because of the family's occupancy of the condominium.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, familial status, and disability. It requires housing providers to make reasonable accommodations when necessary for persons with disabilities.

The [consent order](#) requires the condominium and management agent to pay the family and the subject dwelling owner a total of \$35,743.50 in damages, and to take other actions to ensure nondiscrimination because of disability. The consent order does not constitute an admission of liability by either the condominium or the management agent.



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