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HUD Seeks Public Comment to Improve Access and Use of Programs

Yesterday in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [request for comments](#) asking the public how the agency can make its programs easier to access and use. Specifically, HUD seeks comments on:

- Which application and eligibility forms could be simplified
- How to reduce the burden for people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and other vulnerable groups
- What data and information should be responsibly shared among federal agencies or with the public
- How artificial intelligence or machine learning could improve or streamline processes required by HUD

As explained in an accompanying [press release](#), “since most HUD programs are administered by recipients of HUD funds, not by the agency itself, HUD also invites public input on how to reduce the burden on recipients and administrators of HUD funding, such as public housing agencies, nonprofit services providers, and owners of housing as well as local, state, territorial, and tribal governments. Commenters may also speak to actions HUD could take to encourage recipients and administrators to simplify their processes.”

HUD invites comment from all members of the public, including beneficiaries of HUD programs as well as recipients and administrators such as public housing agencies, states or local governments, tribes, housing providers, and social service providers. The comment period will be open for 30 days, through **August 12, 2023**. Comments may be submitted electronically through [www.regulations.gov](#), or through the methods described in the request for comments.



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