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HUD Updates FSS Final Rule Implementation FAQs

On the Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) program webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) posted an updated version of the frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) on the FSS final rule implementation. New and updated questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated July 13, 2023. You can find the link to the updated FAQs on the [FSS webpage](#).

HUD Publishes Funding Awards in *Federal Register*

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, HUD’s Office of the Chief Financial Officer published a list of the entities that received competitive funding awards for the following programs:

- FY 2020 and FY 2021 Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program [Round 3]
- FY 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Competitive Grant Funding
- FY 2021 Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)—American Rescue Plan Private Enforcement Initiative (Round 1, 2, and 3)
- FY 2021 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (Round 1 and 2)
- FY 2021 Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration for Public Housing
- FY 2021 Older Adult Home Modification Grant Program
- FY 2021 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program
- FY 2021 Tribal HUD VASH Expansion
- FY 2022Tribal HUD VASH Renewals (PIH-Notice)
- FY 2022 Public Housing Operating Fund Shortfall Funding
- Mainstream Vouchers—Noncompetitive Opportunity for Additional Vouchers Authorized by the CARES Act and Extraordinary Administrative Funding
- FY 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive
- FY 2019 and 2020 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: Implementation of the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration
- FY 2021 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants

The amounts of the awards are included in the list. For further details, please see today’s [notice](#).

HUD Charges NJ Landlord and Realtor with Disability Discrimination

In a [press release](#) last Friday, HUD announced that it has [charged](#) the owner of a dwelling in New Jersey and its realtor with violating the [Fair Housing Act](#) by refusing to allow a prospective tenant with a disability to live with her assistance animal.

HUD’s charge alleges that respondents approved the complainant’s application to rent an apartment. However, they imposed discriminatory terms and conditions on the complainant’s tenancy and eventually rescinded their approval after they learned she required an assistance animal. Although the complainant offered medical support documentation for her assistance animal, the landlord continued to impose burdensome conditions, denied her reasonable accommodation request, and ultimately denied her housing. The complainant was forced to find another place to live with her family under a tight time deadline.

A United States administrative law judge will hear HUD’s charges unless any party elects to have the case heard in federal district court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the tenant for losses caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief, to deter further discrimination, as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose civil penalties to vindicate the public interest. If the case is heard in federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the complainant.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on disability. Such discrimination includes refusing to rent based on a person’s disability, failing to grant reasonable accommodations, or subjecting tenants to discriminatory terms and conditions.



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