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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Launches Small Area Fair Market Rent Website

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has launched the small area fair market rent (SAFMR) [website](#), which contains videos and other training resources to help PHAs adopt SAFMRs. The new site also includes an interactive [dashboard](#) that shows which PHAs have adopted SMFMRs and how many Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program units are associated with SAFMRs nationally. It also allows the user to drill down to the state and PHA-level.

According to the new website, the dashboard data with respect to program units is updated monthly with the most current and relevant data from HUD administrative systems. The classification of PHAs with SAFMRs is updated as soon as they are identified as such to HUD. The SAFMR dashboard is accessible both internally to HUD employees and externally to the public.

HUD Posts Document on Tips to Increase PBV Unit Occupancy

On the project-based vouchers (PBVs) [website](#), HUD has posted a new [document](#) titled “Tips to Increase Project-Based Voucher Unit Occupancy.” The two-page document, dated July 2023, contains strategies that PHAs and property owners can implement for PBV units to improve occupancy.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD to Host Radon and HUD-Assisted Projects Webinar Series

HUD has announced that is sponsoring a webinar series to discuss radon as it relates to HUD-assisted projects. The series will cover an overview of the environmental health risks of radon, existing state regulations, and the pathways of radon exposure, particularly how radon accumulates in buildings; different methods of radon testing and mitigation techniques; and HUD’s anticipated department-wide policy on radon. Each webinar will be followed by a Q&A discussion. Click on the following links to register.

- [Radon and Housing: Basics](#) – July 24, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- [Radon Testing and Mitigation](#) – August 14, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- HUD Policy on Radon - TBD



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