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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Assistance for Iowa Disaster Survivors

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the implementation of federal disaster assistance for the State of Iowa to assist state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding, straight-line winds, and tornadoes beginning on June 16, 2024, and continuing.

A presidential [major disaster declaration](#) was issued for Clay, Emmet, Lyon, Plymouth, and Sioux Counties. Effective immediately, the department will:

- Grant a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes as well as foreclosures of mortgages to Native American borrowers guaranteed under the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee program. There is also a 90-day extension granted automatically for Home Equity Conversion Mortgages.
- Make mortgage insurance available under [HUD's Section 203\(h\)](#) program.
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under [HUD's Section 203\(k\) program](#).
- Make [information on housing providers](#) and HUD programs available.
- Provide flexibility to Community Planning and Development grantees, which can apply for needed administrative flexibility in response to natural disasters. For more information on applying for a waiver or suspension of program requirements, [contact](#) your local CPD program office.
- Provide flexibility to PHAs, which can apply for needed waivers and flexibilities for disaster relief and recovery. To find detailed information on applying for a waiver, click [here](#) for the latest *Federal Register* disaster relief notice. The Department also released Notice [PIH 2021-34](#), which advises the public of HUD's expedited process for waivers and flexibilities from HUD regulatory and administrative requirements for various public housing and voucher programs.
- Provide administrative flexibility to tribes and their tribally designated housing entities through regulatory waivers.
- Ensure [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](#) are ready to assist.
- Assist with housing discrimination.

Click [here](#) for more information about disaster resources.

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Suit against CA Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) today, the HUD announced that it has entered into a [conciliation agreement](#) with housing providers in California to resolve complaints of disability discrimination. The agreement stems from a complaint alleging that the housing providers interfered with the rights

of tenants with disabilities to obtain reasonable accommodations, and that the respondents, who are recipients of federal funding, were not in compliance with Section 504. The respondents denied the allegations in the complaint and agreed to settle the matter. The conciliation agreement does not constitute an admission of guilt by the respondents and no determination has been issued by HUD in this matter.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) requires housing built after March 1991 to contain accessible features for persons with disabilities. Failure to meet these standards it is considered unlawful discrimination. Likewise, [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of federal financial assistance. These federal laws also require the provision of reasonable accommodations and modifications for individuals with disabilities.

The housing providers have agreed to pay \$41,500 to the complainant. They will also ensure that their reasonable accommodation policies are in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and that they process reasonable accommodation requests in a timely manner.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Extends Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration NOFO Deadline

Recently on [grants.gov](#), HUD [extended](#) the deadline for the notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)) for its Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration program for public housing. The NOFO makes approximately \$4,016,247 in grants available to public housing agencies to conduct testing, and when needed, mitigation of radon in the units that they manage. The work supported through this NOFO will also provide HUD with important information on methods and costs for radon testing and mitigation in public housing. The application deadline date has been extended to **July 15, 2024**. You'll find more information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.



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