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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Extends 2024 Shortfall Budget Deadlines for Recipients of 2022/2023 Grants

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) issued Notice <u>PIH 2024-23</u>, which amends Notices PIH 2022-17 and PIH 2023-18 and changes the shortfall budget submission deadline for PHAs that received 2022 or 2023 public housing shortfall grants and had 2024 shortfall budget due dates of January 1, 2024, April 1, 2024, or July 1, 2024.

The notice revised Section 13 of Notice PIH 2022-17 adding the following:

In 2024, the Shortfall Budget Module in the Public Housing Portal was not available in time for PHAs with FYEs of December 31, March 31, and June 30 to make timely budget submissions, which would have been due January 1, 2024, April 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024, respectively. As a result, the 2024 budget submission due dates for PHAs with December 31, March 31, or June 30 FYEs is extended to August 1, 2024. The first half actuals for PHAs with December 31 FYEs will be due November 1, 2024.

Failure by the PHA to meet timely updates and submissions of budgets may result in suspension or recapture of their shortfall award, or ineligibility for the receipt of future shortfall awards.

The notice also revised Section 14 of Notice PIH 2023-18 adding the following:

In 2024, the Shortfall Budget Module in the Public Housing Portal was not available in time for PHAs with FYEs of March 31 and June 30 to make timely budget submissions, which would have been due April 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024, respectively. As a result, the due dates for PHAs with March 31 or June 30 FYEs is extended to August 1, 2024.

PHA's failure to make timely updates and submissions of budgets may result in suspension or recapture of its shortfall award, or ineligibility for the receipt of future shortfall awards.

Further information can be found in the notice.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Requests Information on Direct Rental Assistance Model

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD published a request for information (RFI) seeking public input on the direct rental assistance concept, including the potential advantages and disadvantages of such a program. The model would provide a rental housing subsidy directly to the renter, rather than providing it to the landlord. HUD is particularly interested in receiving input from interested parties on the following questions:

- What policies or procedures should be in place to ensure that direct rental assistance payments are used by recipients for rental housing costs?
- What steps should be taken to ensure that direct rental assistance is not treated as income for the purposes of taxes and other public benefit programs?
- How would the behaviors or engagement of housing providers, tenants, or other stakeholders be expected to respond to direct rental assistance?
- How should direct rental assistance subsidies be calculated?
- How could a direct rental assistance program ensure that recipients have decent, safe, and sanitary housing, without creating a burden on landlords that might deter them from accepting tenants with the direct rental assistance subsidy?
- What aspects of existing rental assistance programs, beyond those noted above, should be preserved in a direct rental assistance pilot or demonstration?

Responses to this RFI will inform HUD and other stakeholders interested in direct rental assistance. Comments from housing providers, renters, PHAs, and other organizations that serve low-income renters would be particularly helpful. Comments are requested on or before **August 30, 2024**

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the <u>Tools</u> page on the Housing Choice Vouchers (<u>HCV</u>) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool (<u>TYT</u>) and the Tool of Tools (<u>ToT</u>) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of July 19, 2024. For further details, visit the <u>Tools</u> page.



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