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HUD Publishes Final NSPIRE Scoring Notice in *Federal Register*

Yesterday we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) released a [prepublication copy](#) of the final scoring notice for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ([NSPIRE](#)). Today HUD has officially published the [notice](#) in the *Federal Register*. The document outlines how HUD will score NSPIRE inspections and responds to comments submitted on the [proposed scoring notice](#).

As we mentioned yesterday, the final notice does not revise the new scoring methodology, which focuses on units as the most important element of resident health and safety, but makes two significant changes from the proposed scoring notice:

- The use of letter grades has been eliminated. HUD will continue to only issue scores on the 0-100 point scale.
- HUD will continue citing a deficiency multiple times in all inspectable areas (i.e., Unit, Inside, Outside) but will only deduct points once per inspectable area. Examples of deficiencies that will be cited for each instance but scored only once in the same inspectable area include blocked egress, damaged doors, damaged walls, sharp edges, and infestation.

As described in the final rule, NSPIRE implementation includes three core subordinate publications—the NSPIRE [Standards](#), [Scoring](#), and [Administrative Procedures](#) notices. The Administrative Procedures notice covers the Public Housing and Multifamily programs. HUD will issue additional notices on the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)), Project-Based Voucher ([PBV](#)), and Community Planning and Development ([CPD](#)) programs before the rules are effective for their programs. The effective date for NSPIRE for the public housing program is **July 1, 2023**. The effective date for the Multifamily Housing, HCV, PBV, and CPD programs is **October 1, 2023**.

For more information on NSPIRE, visit the [NSPIRE Resources](#) webpage

HUD Publishes 2023 CoC Program NOFA

In a [press release](#) Wednesday, and also [here](#), on [Grants.gov](#), HUD announced that it has published the notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for fiscal year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) program competition. The NOFA makes available more than \$3.1 billion in funding for FY 2023 grants, including approximately \$147 million for the competitive and noncompetitive renewal and replacement of expiring Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grants and at least \$52 million for new rapid re-housing, supportive services, and other activities critical to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Applications must be completed and submitted in [e-snaps](#) by **September 28, 2023**. You'll find more information on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.



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