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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Resources for VASH Vouchers Registration of Interest

On the HUD-Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Vouchers website, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has posted the following resources related to Notice PIH 2023-22, titled "2023 Summer Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers," issued on August 14:

- Notice of Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers
- Presentation slides
- Electronic Registration of Interest Form

The notice announces the availability of approximately \$73 million in HUD-VASH funding to support about 7,500 new vouchers. These vouchers are administered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and enable homeless veterans and their families to access affordable housing with an array of supportive services. The deadline for submitting a registration of interest is September 15, 2023.

HUD Updates FAQs for Housing Mobility-Related Services NOFO

On the <u>Housing Mobility</u> webpage, HUD has posted an updated frequently asked questions (<u>FAQs</u>) document for the mobility-related services notice of funding opportunity (<u>NOFO</u>) that was published on June 1, 2023. New questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated August 14, 2023.

The NOFO makes available \$25,000,000 to expand housing choices for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) families with children by increasing access to opportunity neighborhoods with high-performing schools, access to jobs, low crime, parks, and other amenities. The application deadline date is August 30, 2023.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Extends Public Comment Period on Reducing Administrative Burdens

On July 13, 2023, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) published in the Federal Register a request for comments asking the public how the agency can make its programs easier to access and use. On Monday, August 14, HUD announced in the Federal Register that it has extended the comment period from August 14 to September 13, 2023.

As we previously reported, HUD seeks comments on:

- Which application and eligibility forms could be simplified
- How to reduce the burden for people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and other vulnerable groups
- What data and information should be responsibly shared among federal agencies or with the public
- How artificial intelligence or machine learning could improve or streamline processes required by HUD

HUD invites comment from all members of the public, including beneficiaries of HUD programs as well as recipients and administrators such as public housing agencies, states or local governments, tribes, housing providers, and social service providers. Comments may be submitted electronically through www.regulations.gov, or through the methods described in the request for comments.

HUD Announces Assistance for Hawaii Wildfires Victims

In a <u>press release</u> last Friday, HUD announced the implementation of federal disaster relief for the state of Hawaii to assist state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on August 8, 2023, and continuing.

A presidential major disaster declaration issued on August 10, 2023, allows HUD to offer assistance to affected individuals in Maui County. Effective immediately, the department will:

- Grant a <u>90-day moratorium</u> on foreclosures of FHA-insured homes
- Make mortgage insurance available under <u>HUD's Section 203(h)</u> program
- Make insurance available for both mortgages and home rehabilitation under <u>HUD's</u> Section 203(k) program
- Make <u>information on housing providers</u> 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 <u>HUD-approved housing counseling agencies</u> are ready to assist Assist with housing discrimination

Federal funding is also available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for debris removal and emergency protective measures in Maui County, and assistance for emergency protective measures for Hawaii County. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide. Click <u>here</u> for more information about disaster resources.



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