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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Publishes 2023 Admin Fee Guidance

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) published a [guidance document](#) for the 2023 voucher program administrative fee rates. The notice follows the May 15 release of the [2023 administrative fee tables](#).

Today’s notice describes the two fee rates for each PHA listed in Column A and Column B. As usual, the Column A rate applies to the first 7,200 unit months leased in calendar year (CY) 2023, and the Column B rate applies to all remaining unit months leased. However, in the case of Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHVs](#)), PHAs are allocated the full Column A administrative fee amount for each EHV that is under HAP contract as of the first day of each month in accordance with Notice [PIH 2021-15](#). EHVs may not be reissued after September 30, 2023. As the notice also explains:

- PIH will once again follow a “hold harmless” rule. So PHAs that would otherwise have seen their fee rates go down in 2023 will receive the 2022 rates instead.
- The fee rates for each PHA are those rates covering the areas in which each PHA has the greatest proportion of its participants. A PHA with participants in more than one fee area may request that the PIH office establish a blended fee rate to proportionately consider all areas in which participants are located. Once a blended rate is established, it is used to determine the PHA’s fee eligibility for all months in CY 2023. Instructions for applying and the deadline date for submitting requests are detailed in the 2023 HCV funding implementation [notice](#).
- A PHA that operates over multiple counties may request a higher administrative fee rate, if eligible. To request higher fees, a PHA must submit specific financial documents to the Financial Management Center ([FMC](#)). Documents, submission requirements, and the deadline date for submitting requests are detailed in the 2023 HCV funding implementation [notice](#).
- In addition to the voucher program, the 2023 administrative fee rates apply to the Moderate Rehabilitation program and the Mainstream program.

You’ll find links to the 2023 administrative fee tables and the documents that accompany them on [this page](#) at HUD’s website.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Creates PIH News Website

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has created a new [website](#) dedicated to news for public housing authorities. The site features a 12-month archive of PHA newsletters and important messages that are typically sent from HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) only to PHAs executive directors. The site also includes helpful links to other PIH webpages.

HUD Announces Waivers to Help Hawaii Recover from Fires

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced a package of regulatory and administrative waivers to allow the use of HUD funding to help communities in Maui and the Island of Hawaii accelerate their recovery from the wildfires. To expedite the use of these funds, HUD’s state and local partners can now access a waiver through a new simplified notification process.

The regulatory and administrative relief covers the following CPD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Continuum of Care (CoC).

Through the waiver package, HUD is providing flexibility by:

- Suspending the CDBG public services cap to provide additional support services related to the effects of the disaster on individuals and families – allowing funds to pay for food, water, and other emergency needs.
- Allowing new housing construction with CDBG funding in declared-disaster areas.
- Providing flexibility in HOME tenant-based rental assistance requirements to reduce burden for those seeking assistance.
- Waiving the HOME local matching contribution requirements and providing greater flexibility in the entities that can expeditiously provide housing to displaced persons and repair properties damaged by the disaster.
- Extending the period of time that individuals can receive temporary assistance, including CDBG emergency grant payments and ESG rental assistance.

The press release also lists examples of what the funding can be used for in the wake of a disaster.



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