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## **HCV PROGRAM NEWS**

#### PIH Publishes 2022 Admin Fee Guidance

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) published a <u>guidance document</u> for the 2022 voucher program administrative fee rates. The notice follows the March 30 release of the 2022 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) 2022, and the Column B rate applies to all remaining unit months leased. These fees apply to PHA-owned units as well as to units not owned by PHAs. 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 2022 will receive the 2021 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 schedule that will consider proportionately all areas in which participants are located. Once a blended rate schedule is calculated, it will be used to determine the PHA's fee eligibility for all months in CY 2022. Instructions for applying and the deadline date for submitting requests are detailed in the 2022 HCV funding implementation notice.
- A PHA that operates over multiple counties may request higher administrative fees. 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 2022 HCV funding implementation notice.
- In addition to the voucher program, the 2022 administrative fee rates apply to the Moderate Rehabilitation program and the Mainstream program.

You'll find links to the 2022 administrative fee tables and the documents that accompany them on <a href="mailto:this.page">this page</a> at HUD's website.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

### **HUD Extends Deadline to Apply for FSS NOFA, Updates FSS Final Rule FAQs**

On the Family Self-Sufficiency (<u>FSS</u>) program webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has extended the due date to apply for the 2022 notice of funding availability (<u>NOFA</u>) for both the Housing Choice Voucher and the Public Housing FSS programs. The current application deadline date is **October 7**, **2022**.

HUD has also posted an updated version of the FSS Final Rule and Escrow Frequently Asked Questions (<u>FAQs</u>). New questions and responses are marked as "New" in this new version, dated August 24, 2022.

You can find the links to the updated NOFA and FAQs on the FSS webpage.

# **HUD Awards \$41.3 Million in Housing Counseling Grants**

In a press release yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$41.3 million in housing counseling grants. The awards include \$38.6 million in second-year housing counseling grants to 173 HUD-approved local housing counseling agencies, national and regional organizations, multistate organizations, and state housing finance agencies who were awarded grants under the September 18, 2021, Comprehensive Housing Counseling grant program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). HUD also awarded an additional \$2.75 million in second-year funding for six HUD-approved housing counseling agencies that received awards under the November 2, 2021, Housing Counseling Training grant program NOFO.

According to the announcement, this funding will continue to support vital housing counseling services performed by these agencies, including prepurchase homebuyer, foreclosure prevention, rental eviction prevention, and disaster recovery, among others. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see a complete list of the grantees and the amounts they were awarded.



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