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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Notice on CARES Act Funding Reconciliation and Closeout Procedures

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) published Notice PIH-2022-21, which describes the closeout procedures for funds awarded to PHAs under the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The CARES Act provided supplemental housing assistance payments (HAP) and administrative fees to PHAs administering the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and the Mainstream Vouchers, and supplemental HAP to the Moderate Rehabilitation (MR) program.

Additionally, Notice PIH 2020-24 restated that CARES Act unspent funds, at the end of the period of availability, would be returned to HUD. However, PHAs had 120 calendar days to liquidate/disburse unliquidated obligations after the end date of the period of availability, unless HUD extended it. The 120 calendar days fell on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Should there be unliquidated obligations that were disbursed beyond April 30, 2022, PHAs must issue a special request to the FMD at PIH.Financial.Management.Division@hud.gov no later than September 6, 2022. The extension request requirements are detailed in Section 4 of Notice PIH 2022-21.

The notice applies to PHAs that received CARES Act supplemental funding for the HCV program, Mainstream Vouchers, and the Moderate Rehabilitation program, including PHAs participating in the MTW demonstration.

GENERAL NEWS

PIH Publishes 2022 NOFA for HCV and PH FSS Programs

Yesterday PIH <u>posted</u> the 2022 notice of funding availability (<u>NOFA</u>) for both the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and the public housing Family Self-Sufficiency (<u>FSS</u>) programs. An <u>announcement</u> about the NOFA has been posted to <u>grants.gov</u>. Under the combined NOFA, approximately \$113 million in renewal funding is available for FSS coordinator salaries to recipients of 2019, 2020, or 2021 FSS grants, or for those who received an FSS program through transfer or consolidation from a PHA funded under such NOFAs. PHAs that have not been funded for an FSS grant in any of the last three years (2019, 2020, and 2021) and PBRA owners already implementing or wishing to implement an FSS program are eligible for funding after all eligible renewals are funded. The application deadline date is **October 3, 2022**.

The FSS <u>final rule</u>, published on May 17, 2022, implemented changes to the FSS program requirements related to program eligibility, escrow deposits, and supportive services. The rule also allows the Secretary to establish a funding formula and extends eligibility by allowing private owners of PBRA properties to voluntarily make an FSS program available to their tenants.



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