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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes 2023 FMRs

In a *Federal Register* <u>notice</u> today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has published fair market rents (FMRs) for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023). As explained in the notice:

The United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA), as amended by the Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), requires the Secretary to publish FMRs not less than annually, adjusted to be effective on October 1 of each year. This notice announces the availability of FY 2023 FMRs, describes the methods used to calculate the FY 2023 FMRs, responds to comments submitted on the notice of Proposed Changes to the Methodology Used for Calculating Fair Market Rents, and enumerates the procedures for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and other interested parties to request reevaluations of their FMRs as required by HOTMA.

The due date for comments on the 2023 FMRs is **October 3, 2022**. The revised FMRs will be effective on **October 1, 2022** (unless HUD receives a valid request for reevaluation of specific area FMRs).

Materials <u>posted</u> today on PD&R's <u>FMR page</u> include the <u>FY 2023 Schedule of Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan FMRs</u> and the <u>FY 2023 Small Area Fair Market Rent Schedule</u> (SAFMRs).

HUD Settles Gender Identity Discrimination Lawsuit against FL RV Park

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, HUD announced that it has entered into a <u>consent order</u> with the owner of a Florida RV park and its property manager to resolve allegations of gender identity discrimination. The <u>Fair Housing Act</u> prohibits housing providers from discriminating on the basis of sex, which includes prohibiting tenants from expressing their gender.

The <u>charge</u>, which resulted from a complaint that the tenant, a transgender woman, filed with HUD, alleged that the manager violated the Act when he gave the tenant a letter stating that he was aware she was transitioning and telling her to act as a man, talk as a man, and dress as a man to avoid trouble.

The consent order, approved by a HUD administrative law judge, requires the respondents to pay the tenant and her family \$45,000 in damages. They are also barred from future discrimination and will undergo training on the Fair Housing Act, including training on transgender and gender nonconforming discrimination. According to the press release, the consent order does not constitute an admission of liability by the respondents.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Webinar on Fair Market Rents

HUD has announced that it will host a webinar titled "HCV Utilization: Fair Market Rents (FMRs)." During the live web conference, HUD will dive into what are FMRs and how they affect the HCV program. The webinar is scheduled for September 21, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. central time. To register, click here. You can find more information and watch previous webinars here on the HCV website.



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