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## PH PROGRAM NEWS

### PIH Posts Operating Fund Grant Submission Schedule for 2024

On the <u>2024 Operating Fund Grant Processing</u> webpage, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) has posted its <u>schedule</u> for calendar year 2024 public housing operating fund grant submissions. The document contains 2024 and some 2025 funding deadlines.

#### **HCV PROGRAM NEWS**

#### **HUD Announces 12 Percent Increase in FMRs, Awards \$113 Million in HCVs**

In a <u>press release</u> yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that fair market rents (FMRs) will increase by an average of approximately 12 percent nationally, which will increase the number of units that families using housing vouchers can access. According to the announcement:

Given recent rental cost increases, families who receive vouchers are experiencing greater difficulty successfully using their vouchers to find affordable, safe, and quality housing. The new FMR levels – on top of an approximately 10 percent increase nationally in FY 2023 – will help the voucher program keep up with rent increases in the private market, expand the number of affordable units, and help more families rent homes at an affordable cost.

The FMRs for federal fiscal year 2024 were <u>published</u> yesterday and will be effective on **October 1, 2023**. The press release includes a link to a frequently asked questions (<u>FAQs</u>) document on the FY 2024 FMRs.

In the same press release, HUD also announced that it has made available an additional \$113 million in housing choice voucher funding awards for 118 high-performing public housing agencies in 36 states. The funds will enable the agencies to provide rental assistance to 9,500 additional households in the coming year. You can find the list of state allocations at the bottom of the press release.

#### **HUD Extends Deadline for Housing Mobility-Related Services NOFO**

On the <u>Housing Mobility</u> webpage, HUD announced that it has extended the deadline to apply for the mobility-related services notice of funding opportunity (<u>NOFO</u>) until **September 13**, **2023**. The NOFO, published on June 1, 2023, makes available \$25,000,000 to expand housing choices for Housing Choice Voucher (<u>HCV</u>) families with children by increasing access to opportunity neighborhoods with high-performing schools, access to jobs, low crime, parks, and other amenities.

# **GENERAL NEWS**

# HUD to Implement Survey to Gather Resident Feedback on NSPIRE

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2023-24 titled "Implementation of a Voluntary and Anonymous HUD Inspection Feedback Survey for Incorporation into the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate Program," which serves as a complementary document to the NSPIRE final rule that was published on May 11, 2023.

According to the notice, to incorporate resident feedback in the NSPIRE inspection program, HUD will gather insights on customer experience through a HUD inspection feedback survey, a mechanism to quickly identify and address residents' pain points about the inspection process and to guide HUD's efforts to improve residents' general satisfaction with their housing conditions.

The notice is applicable for public housing programs and multifamily housing assistance programs covered by the NSPIRE final rule. The survey will be distributed to residents whose units are subject to REAC NSPIRE inspections consistent with the effective dates noted in the NSPIRE <u>final rule</u> and NSPIRE <u>administrative notice</u>. The survey is voluntary and anonymous, and the results will not be scored or counted in HUD's evaluation of PHAs or MFH properties. Further information can be found in the notice.



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