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RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates Resident Information Notice

On the Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)) website, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has updated the RAD's Resident Information Notice ([RIN](#)), which PHAs can use to provide basic information to residents about their proposed conversion. The letter describes the residents' rights under RAD and explains how a RAD conversion might affect them. The six-page Word document, dated September 14, 2022, can be found [here](#) at the RAD Public Housing Residents webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R to Hold Virtual Conference on Housing Discrimination

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity ([FHEO](#)) has [announced](#) that 2M Research, with support from HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)), is hosting a virtual conference focused on the identification and measurement of housing discrimination. As the announcement states:

This conference is part of an exciting study to find new and innovative methodologies that uncover and measure housing discrimination. Our objective is that these methodologies will augment current testing approaches, such as paired and sandwich testing. This conference is an opportunity to meet experts in the field of discrimination research and testing, discuss ideas, and ask questions.

The event will feature a panel discussion focused on various topics, including promising or innovative research trends related to discrimination, gaps in research and testing of discrimination, methodological challenges in researching and testing discrimination, and adapting testing protocols to technological changes. It will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. For more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

HUD Announces Nearly \$9 Million in HOPWA Awards

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded nearly \$9 million to provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to an estimated 218 households where one or more members are living with HIV/AIDS.

The funds were awarded through HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS ([HOPWA](#)) program, which makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HUD will announce additional HOPWA awards in the coming weeks. Click [here](#) for a summary of the grant programs.

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Case against Homeless Shelter in HI

In a [press release](#) this week, HUD announced that it has entered into a voluntary compliance and conciliation agreement with a Hawaii homeless shelter, its staff, and the county that owns the subject property. The [agreement](#) resolves allegations that they discriminated against a tenant with disabilities by failing to offer her reasonable accommodations and subjecting her to harassment and retaliation.

According to the announcement, the case came to HUD's attention when an organization that helps consumers fight housing discrimination filed a complaint on behalf of a woman who sought housing at the respondents'/recipients' homeless shelter. The complainant's allegations include that the employees at the shelter denied her reasonable accommodation requests for a single unit instead of a shared room, as well as her request to be allowed to leave her dorm after the curfew in order for her to access supplies related to her medical needs.

Under the terms of the agreement, the housing provider has agreed to pay the complainant \$19,000, adopt and follow nondiscrimination and fair housing policies, and send its employees to training on their obligations under the [Fair Housing Act](#), [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act ([ADA](#)). The county that owns the property has agreed to pay the complainant \$10,000. The respondents deny having discriminated against the complainant and their entering into the voluntary compliance and conciliation agreement does not constitute an admission by them or evidence of a determination by the Department of any violation of the Fair Housing Act or any other law.

HUD Posts Materials for Tornadoes and Flooding Webinars

HUD has posted the materials for the [tornadoes](#) and [flooding](#) sessions in the "PHA Disaster Readiness, Response and Recovery" webinar series, which introduces PHAs to best practices in disaster management. Click on each link to access the recording, slides, and transcript for each session.



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