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PH PROGRAM NEWS

**PIH Posts Explanation of OpSub Obligations for Correction of Prior Year Errors**

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has [posted a document](#) explaining public housing operating subsidy obligations for correction of prior year errors. The Department is in the process of obligating operating fund subsidies for prior calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 to provide funding to PHAs that were underfunded due to calculation errors. As the document states:

The errors are corrected by rerunning the formula and proration calculation, recapturing funds from PHAs that were overfunded and increasing the obligations to the underfunded PHAs caused by the errors. This funding is expected to be available in eLOCCS in each grant year no later than September 16, 2022. **For CY 2016, please draw down and expend the funds immediately as they will cancel as of September 30, 2022. PHAs are not permitted to expend funds after the cancellation date.**

You can find a link to the document on the [2022 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

GENERAL NEWS

**HUD Publishes Three More FHIP NOFAs**

Last week we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [published](#) the fiscal year 2022 notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) [Private Enforcement component](#). HUD has now posted three more FHIP NOFAs:

- [Education and Outreach Initiative - Test Coordinator Training](#)
- [Fair Housing Organization Initiative](#)
- [Education and Outreach Initiative](#)

The deadline for applications under the three NOFAs is **December 6, 2022**. Click on each link for more information. You can also find further details on HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) webpage.

**HUD Updates Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery Guidebook**

In a [press release](#) last Friday, HUD announced that it has released an updated version of its Public Housing Agency Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery [guidebook](#) to assist PHAs in effectively navigating the disaster process.

The guidebook, which was first published in 2016, has now new sections on funding strategies, financial management, and communications, and short and long-term housing options for displaced families have been added. The 52-page document is divided into three chapters: readiness, response, and recovery, and it includes available resources, best practices, lessons learned, and clear guidance on a PHA's roles and responsibilities.

You can access the updated guide [here](#) on the PHA Disaster Preparedness website.

**HUD Awards \$1.4 Million for Research on Renter Outcomes During Disaster Recovery**

In another [press release](#) last Friday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$1.4 million in funding for research on outcomes of renter households during various phases of disaster recovery. The Urban Institute and Horne, LLP, will receive the funds under the FY 2022 notice of funding opportunity.

According to the announcement, the goal of Horne, LLP, is to provide a deeper understanding of recovery outcomes of renter households in areas funded with Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds and what factors contribute toward different outcomes. On the other hand, the Urban Institute intends to utilize a unique set of data from the last decade to assess disaster outcomes on affordable rental housing in communities receiving CDBG-DR funds. Their research will include focus groups and structured interviews with housing developers, landlords, and renters at three case study sites.

**Student Design and Planning Competition Is Now Open**

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) announced that it has opened registration for the 2023 [Innovation in Affordable Housing \(IAH\) Student Design and Planning Competition](#). Now celebrating its tenth year, the competition invites teams of graduate students from multiple disciplines to submit plans in response to a real-life affordable housing design issue.

After the submission of initial applications, a jury of five industry subject matter experts will select four student team finalists. These finalists will visit the site of the affordable housing design and planning project they are addressing, and further refine their applications. In April, all jurors and finalists will travel to Washington, D.C. for the final competition event at HUD Headquarters. The deadline for teams to [register](#) is **October 24, 2022**.

PD&R will work with a PHA that owns and operates a site that is designated for the student teams. PD&R will help the PHA to develop the necessary project briefing materials, including a comprehensive problem statement, background information on the project, community information, and relevant existing design proposals. PHAs interested in partnering with HUD for the 2023 IAH competition can access all the information [here](#), including the link to download the [application](#). Completed applications along with the requested documents and attachments must be send to [iah@huduser.gov](mailto:iah@huduser.gov) no later than **October 3, 2022**.



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