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PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts OpFund Shortfall Funding Materials

On the [2023 Operating Fund Shortfall Funding](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has posted the following materials:

- [Explanation of Shortfall Obligation](#)
- [FY 2023 Shortfall Funds Assignment](#)

The 2023 Appropriations Act set aside \$25 million of public housing operating fund (OpFund) to assist PHAs experiencing or at risk of financial shortfalls. The implementation [notice](#) was issued on July 19, 2023.

HUD-VASH NEWS

HUD Awards \$16 Million for New VASH Vouchers

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded \$16.1 million to 71 PHAs across the country to help veterans experiencing homelessness.

The funding is provided under the HUD–Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)) supportive housing ([HUD-VASH](#)) program, which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. HUD-VASH vouchers enable homeless veterans to obtain affordable and decent housing in the private market. Veterans rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent.

Click [here](#) for a state-by-state list of the new awards.

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Publishes “Worst Case Housing Needs 2023”

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published “[Worst Case Housing Needs: 2023 Report to Congress](#).” The report is the latest in a series started in 1991 on the needs of very low-income renters who pay more than half of their monthly income for rent, live in severely inadequate conditions, or both. Drawing on data from the 2021 American Housing Survey, the authors of the report discuss the shortage of affordable housing as well as the extent and nature of worst case needs.

The 2023 report finds that in 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic, 8.53 million households had worst case housing needs. This is an increase in worst case needs from the record high of 8.48 million in 2011 and 70 percent greater than the 5.01 million households with worst case housing needs in 2001.

This Worst Case Needs report largely continues the analysis of its predecessors, allowing for comparison of findings over time. However, a novel element of the 2023 report is its examination of the intersection between worst case needs and housing overcrowding.

You’ll find a link to the report on [this page](#) at [PD&R's website](#).



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