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RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces Faircloth-to-RAD Webinar, Posts New Photo Essay

Yesterday via RADBlast!, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it will be hosting a webinar to provide an overview of how PHAs can leverage the Faircloth-to-RAD development process to build new, deeply affordable housing in their communities. According to the announcement:

Faircloth-to-RAD describes the process by which a PHA builds new public housing through the mixed-finance development process with the pre-approval to immediately convert the property to a long-term project-based Section 8 contract through RAD. The presentation will provide an overview of how Faircloth-to-RAD development works, how PHAs should think about this tool as part of a repositioning strategy, and the steps in the Faircloth-to-RAD development process.

The webinar, which will be recorded and made available to the public, will take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time, and there will be time for Q&A at the end. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

In this issue of the RADBlast!, HUD also features the latest in its [series of photo essays](#), which documents the resident experience for properties that undergo conversions under the Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)). The [latest essay](#) focuses on how the Wicomico Housing Authority in Maryland used RAD to replace its single public housing development with multiple properties in and around the city of Salisbury, creating new integrated housing opportunities throughout Wicomico County.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates List of HCAs Approved to Perform PBV SLRs

HUD has posted an [updated list](#) of housing credit agencies (HCAs) approved to perform subsidy layering reviews (SLRs) for the project-based voucher ([PBV](#)) program. Public housing agencies and other related parties must refer to the "Administrative Guidelines: Subsidy Layering Review for Project-Based Vouchers" [notice](#), published in the *Federal Register* on March 13, 2023, for the guidelines HCAs must use in conducting subsidy layering reviews for projects combining other forms of government assistance and Section 8 project-based voucher assistance. The list, dated September 6, 2023, can be found on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts Pro Housing NOFO

Yesterday on [grants.gov](#), HUD [posted](#) the competitive notice of funding opportunity ([NOFO](#)) titled "Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (Pro Housing)." The NOFO makes available \$85 million under the new [Pro Housing](#) program, which is designed to support communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term. The application deadline is **October 30, 2023**. You'll find a link to the NOFA on [this page](#) at HUD's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

HUD Announces NOFA for Capacity Building Grants

HUD also [posted](#) yesterday on [grants.gov](#) a notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for the fiscal years 2022 and 2023 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants. The NOFA will make available \$83 million in funding for community development and affordable housing activities. The competition is limited to three organizations:

- [Enterprise Community Partners](#)
- [The Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)

The application deadline is **November 7, 2023**.

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against Ohio Landlord

In a [press release](#) Wednesday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against an owner and manager of residential rental properties in Youngstown, Ohio, for engaging in sexual harassment in violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#).

The [lawsuit](#), filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, alleges that the landlord sexually harassed female tenants at properties that he owned or managed in Youngstown since at least 2009. According to the complaint, he subjected tenants to repeated and unwelcome sexual comments, touched them without their consent, entered their homes without permission and offered to overlook late rent payments, waive rent or perform repairs in exchange for sexual contact. The lawsuit also alleges that he initiated evictions or threatened to evict tenants who refused his sexual advances. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate persons harmed by the alleged harassment, a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest, and a court order barring future discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status. In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division [announced](#) the [Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative](#). The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 36 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing.



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