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**Subject:** Availability of Waivers of CPD Grant Program and Con Plan Requirements to Facilitate Recovery from Tennessee Tornadoes and California Winter Storms

**Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Facilitate Recovery from Tennessee Tornadoes and California Winter Storms**

HUD issued two memorandums explaining the availability of suspensions and waivers of certain statutory and regulatory requirements associated with several Community Planning and Development (CPD) grant programs, including the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program, to address damage and facilitate recovery from Tennessee tornadoes and California winter storms in areas covered by major disaster declarations under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act).

1. [Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Facilitate Recovery from Tennessee Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes](#)
2. [Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Facilitate Recovery from California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides](#)

HOPWA grantees located in the declared disaster areas may use the statutory suspensions and regulatory waivers described in the memorandums to assist affected HOPWA program beneficiaries and HOPWA program-eligible families to address damage caused by the disasters. HOPWA grantees may also use one of the waivers (Self-Certification of Income and HIV Status) outside of the declared-disaster areas, as explained in the HOPWA section of the memorandums.

The grantee must provide notification in writing, either through mail or e-mail, to the CPD Director of the HUD Field Office serving its jurisdiction no less than three days before the grantee anticipates using the suspension or waiver flexibility. Further directions on notifying HUD can be found in Attachment #1 to the memorandums. Each grantee must also update its program records to include written documentation of the specific conditions that justify each use of a waiver, consistent with the justifications provided in the memorandums.

Questions or concerns regarding the information contained in the memorandums can be directed to [HOPWA@hud.gov](mailto:HOPWA@hud.gov).



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*Each year, HOPWA ensures housing stability for more than 100,000 American households that are low-income and living with HIV.*

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