

The HCV Connect

Program Updates, tools and tips to help with HCV Program administration.

February 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated HOTMA Resources

On February 2, 2024, HUD published [PIH Notice 2023-27 Implementation Guidance: Section 102 and 104 of HOTMA](#). We also posted a new [HOTMA Income and Assets Webinar Training Series](#) with separate webinars covering net family assets, asset limitations, new definitions and income exclusions, calculating income, and interim reexaminations.

[Click Here to Visit the HOTMA Resource Page](#)

Reminder: The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program is Sunsetting

The American Rescue Plan includes a statutory prohibition on reissuing EHV vouchers after September 30, 2023. Although there are some PHAs left with authority to issue EHV, it is very limited. If your PHA has an EHV program, please check your leasing authority in the [EHV Data Dashboard](#). If you have any other EHV questions, please visit www.hud.gov/ehv, or email EHV@hud.gov.

NEW HCV Homeownership Dashboard and Updated Website

HUD is focused on expanding HCV Homeownership program assistance for 2024. We have recently created a new dashboard to help PHAs and stakeholders track HCV Homeownership program participation. We have also added new webinars, an HCV Homeownership handbook, and other resources to help PHAs start or expand an HCV Homeownership program.

[Click Here to Visit the HCV Homeownership Dashboard](#)

Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS)

The Financial Management Center (FMC) has successfully disbursed February 2024 HAP to the 101 onboarded PHAs using PIC 50058 data. We look forward to working with these PHAs to gather feedback and valuable input that will be used to further improve eVMS. The [eVMS website](#) has been updated to include the [Wave 1 On-Boarding webinar](#), which provides an overview of eVMS and the on-boarding process.

We encourage all PHAs to actively review and utilize the [PIC Error Dashboards](#) to help get ready for migrating to eVMS. More details on Wave 2 will be communicated soon.

[Click Here to Visit the eVMS Website](#)

Past Due NSPIRE Deadlines

As announced in the [Federal Register](#), HUD extended the compliance date for when NSPIRE replaces Housing Quality Standards (HQS) as the inspection standards for the HCV and PBV programs until October 1, 2024. If your agency has not yet sent notification to HUD on when you will implement NSPIRE, please do so as soon as possible. PHAs planning to implement NSPIRE can use the inspection checklists on the [NSPIRE webpage](#) and the [NSPIRE Standards](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Housing Mobility Planning Special Administrative Fees Opportunity for Eligible PHAs

HUD just announced a Registration of Interest process for eligible PHAs for Housing Mobility-related Services Planning special administrative fee awards, with an estimated award size of approximately \$60,000. [PIH Notice 2024-05](#) describes the planning requirements and uses of special administrative fees, financial reporting requirements, eligibility criteria, registration of interest submission requirements and the award process.

Eligible PHAs should have received email directly from HUD on February 6, 2024. If you believe your PHA is eligible, and you have not received one, please email housingmobility@hud.gov

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

Reminder of HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month we host an HCV Utilization Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration. The topics are subject to change.

Upcoming Topics:

- [Best Practices in Landlord Engagement](#) (Feb 15th from 2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern)
- [Dashboard Updates](#) (Mar 21st from 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern)
- [HOTMA Updates](#) (Apr 18th from 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern)

Can't make a webinar? Don't worry. They are all recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#). If you have topic suggestions, please email HCVUtilization@hud.gov.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Join us! Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) Virtual Convening, February 21, 2024

On **February 21, 2024**, PHAs are invited to join a Virtual Convening on Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) hosted by HUD and our Technical Assistance Provider, CVR Associates. This event is primarily targeted to PHAs in newly designated SAFMR areas, but all PHAs are welcome to attend.

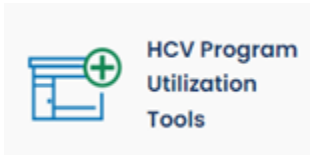
During this live, remote session, PHAs will learn:

- Why HUD designates SAFMRs
- Details about SAFMR policies (including [PIH Notice 2023-32](#))
- Best practices from PHAs that successfully implemented mandatory SAFMRs, including topics about technology and communications.

Registrants will also be able to participate in live question and answer sessions with HUD and presenting PHAs. To join us, please register here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/safmr-live-virtual-convening/>

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HCV UTILIZATION TOOL UPDATES



The HCV program requires program administrators to make regular adjustments to reflect funding levels and local market conditions. HUD provides resources on the [HCV Utilization Tools site](#) to help PHAs forecast the impact of different program adjustments and voucher issuance decisions. Here

are recent HCV Utilization Tool updates:

2024 Funding Estimates

HUD recently updated the Two-Year Tool (TYT) projections for 2024 according to the latest information we have. Since final funding amounts are still uncertain, we encourage PHAs to use these conservative estimates for program utilization in an effort to avoid any potential program shortfalls. If you have questions/concerns, please contact your local Public Housing Field Office or email HCVUtilization@hud.gov.

[Click Here to Open the Two-Year Tool](#)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Exposing Pittsburgh Landlords To Asset-Framing Narratives: An Experiment To Increase Housing Voucher Participation

A study exploring benefits of the use of asset-framing narratives with landlords, appears in [HealthAffairs](#) February issue on Housing & Health. Using data from a unique survey of Pittsburgh landlords, this study found that exposing landlords to an asset-framing narrative that highlighted the social, economic, and health benefits of receiving a mobility voucher increased landlords' reported willingness to rent to a mobility voucher recipient by 21 percentage points. Reported willingness was also higher among landlords who believed that housing affordability was connected to health.

Click the link below to read about what insights this study findings have to offer into how to increase landlords' participation in affordable housing programs that require their engagement to succeed.

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