

The HCV Connect

Tools, tips, and updates to help with HCV Program administration.

June 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Fees for Participation in Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR) Community of Practice

The Community of Practice is a group of PHAs that have implemented or will implement Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR), coming together to share experiences, ideas, and best practices related to SAFMRs. As announced in [PIH Notice 2024-16](#), HUD is making available special fees to compensate PHAs for participation in a Community of Practice. Led by HUD's Technical Assistance provider, multiple opportunities for participating in a Community of Practice will be available throughout calendar year 2024.

Last week HUD emailed eligible PHAs to join the Community of Practice using the PHA contact information in PIC. **PHAs have until August 1, 2024, to respond to the DocuSign request and accept participation.** HUD will acknowledge receipt of the participation confirmation via email.

HCV Homeownership Administrative Fee Increase

On May 28th, 2024, HUD published [Notice PIH 2024-16, Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year \(FFY\) 2024 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program](#). The notice implements the increase of HCV Homeownership Program administrative fees from \$1000 per closing to \$1500 per closing for HCV families who have become homeowners through the HCV Homeownership program, Moving-To-Work (MTW) Homeownership program, and the Family Self-Sufficiency program (HCV only). In addition, HUD will also fund a one-time \$2,500 special fee for each newly created HCV Homeownership Program at any PHA in CY 2024. This is an increase of \$2,000 from the previous year's special fee.

HOTMA Voucher Final Rule Update: New Resources

HUD recently published [PIH Notice 2024-19](#), which provides initial guidance on the final rule entitled "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher Implementation; Additional Streamlining Changes" (89 FR 38224 (May 7, 2024)). PIH Notice 2024-19 explains the effective dates and compliance dates in the final rule and provides guidance regarding necessary administrative preparation for PHAs to implement final rule and provides guidance regarding necessary administrative preparation for PHAs to implement final rule.

A webinar will be held **Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 11:00am ET**. Please join the webinar at <https://events.intellor.com/login/509023>. If you cannot join by computer, you may dial in by phone only at 1-202-735-3323 with access code 6081790.

[Read HOTMA Voucher Notice Here](#)

Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS) Update

The eVMS Focus Group has been converted to “eVMS Office Hours” where all participating PHAs are able to join a monthly call to provide feedback and have questions answered. PHA’s are encouraged to include their fee accountants and/or third-party contractors who work with HCV Financials or PIC Submissions. The eVMS Team is currently planning a “Wave 2” onboarding that will include 250 PHAs. *If your PHA has been selected, you will be notified in the coming weeks.*

As a reminder, additional eVMS information including the Wave 1 Onboarding Webinar is on the [eVMS website](#). We encourage all PHAs to actively review and utilize the [PIC Error Dashboards](#) to help get ready for migrating to eVMS. There is free Technical Assistance available for PHAs in need of assistance or training in 50058 reporting for the HCV program. If interested, please contact your local field office and PIC Coach.

PIC Error Dashboard Technical Difficulties

Lately [the PIC Error dashboard](#) has been intermittently failing to update. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please make sure to check the top right corner of each report to see the latest PIC data update date. The HUD IT Team has been made aware of the data update failure and are working to resolve the matter.

Fannie Mae Expanded Housing Choice Initiative Expands Financing Options for HCV Landlords in North Carolina and Texas

Fannie Mae’s Expanded Housing Choice (EHC) pilot offers a pricing incentive for **Multifamily property owners who accept Housing Choice Vouchers in Texas and North Carolina**. Visit the Expanded Housing Choice website for more resources to determine eligibility, lender and borrower best practices, toolkits, and FAQs.

[Visit the EHC Website Here](#)

HUD Announces \$30 Billion Investment for HCV

[HUD announces a \\$30 billion renewal funding for the HCV](#) program. This funding will help Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) continue to provide assistance to families and individuals who are in need of affordable housing options. Since last year, the HCV program saw a \$2 billion increase in funding to help maintain housing vouchers for families across the country. Since 2022, this budget allocation has grown nearly 20% (over \$4 billion), allowing the value of a Housing Choice Voucher to keep pace with rising rental costs, and helping to make sure that voucher holders can continue to access neighborhoods of opportunity.

[Click Here to See a List of Communities Who Have Received Funding](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Foster Youth to Independence Competitive NOFO Applications Due June 17

PIH is now accepting applications under the FY 2024 [Foster Youth to Independence Competitive NOFO](#), due June 17, 2024. Approximately \$12.7 million is available for new FYI Competitive allocations. This NOFO makes Housing Choice Vouchers available to PHAs in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies. Under FYI, PHAs provide these vouchers to youth who are at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age (have not reached their 25th birthday) who left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in Section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

[Visit the FYI Competitive NOFO Webpage Here](#)

2024 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest Notice

PIH is now accepting registrations of interest for new HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers under [PIH Notice 2024-18](#). Approximately \$78 million is available for new HUD-VASH vouchers. The deadline for PHAs to come in under this notice is [August 30th, 2024](#), and HUD expects to make final awards in late 2024. The HUD-VASH program combines HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans and their families with case management and clinical services provided by the VA at its medical centers (VAMC) and community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) or by VA contractors or VA designated entities.

[Read the VASH ROI Notice Here](#)

EVENTS

Reminder of HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00 Eastern 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. You can register for the webinars by clicking on the [Webinars and Trainings Icon](#) at www.hud.gov/hcv.

The Next HCV Utilization Webinar is Thursday, June 20th

We will explore innovative strategies to help PHA lease units faster and more effectively.

[Register for the June HCV Utilization Call Here](#)

Stability Voucher Webinar Series: Advancing Equity

June 26 | 1:00 – 2:30PM ET

Learn about the core concepts of equity and how to incorporate equity principles in your Stability Voucher program. During the webinar, the Austin, TX Continuum of Care will discuss its collaboration with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin to advance equity. This webinar is part of a series that reviews a variety of topics related to Stability Vouchers (SVs). Please view all webinars in the **Stability Vouchers Webinar Series** and view other resources for Stability Vouchers such as the [SV Roadmap](#).

[Register for the Stability Voucher Webinar Here](#)

VMS Reporting for the EHV Program

June 18 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET

This EHV Office Hours will discuss the basic requirements and commonly found issues regarding the reporting of EHV's in the Voucher Management System (VMS). PHAs are encouraged to bring their questions so that they may be discussed.

[Register for the VMS Reporting for the EHV Program Here](#)

HOTMA Voucher Final Rule Update Webinar

June 2 | 11:00 AM ET

Attend our webinar on PIH Notice 2024-19 to understand the new HUD guidance on implementing the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act's final rule, which streamlines the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Voucher programs.

If you cannot join by computer, you may dial in by phone only at 1-202-735-3323 with access code 6081790.

[Click Here to Join the HOTMA Webinar on 6/2 @ 11AM](#)

Landlord Event in Oregon

June 28, 2024 | 10 – 12PM PT

Loucks Auditorium, City of Salem Library
585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301

HUD is hosting an upcoming event for landlords to educate the community about the HCV program and opportunities to house families, featuring presentations from local housing authorities and HUD.

[Check out the Flyer Here](#)

NSPIRE for Vouchers D.C. Get Ready Session; Plus, New Videos for NSPIRE HCV Inspectors Now Available

July 16, 2024 | 8:30 – 12 PM ET

HUD HQ *(451 7th St. SW)

Public Housing Authorities in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to attend the NSPIRE for Vouchers Get Ready session, [Registration is required](#). In-person space is limited. The session will be webcast for those who can't attend in-person. On the day of the event, at the start time, [click here to view the webcast via Teams live](#).

Questions can be sent to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

[Register for the NSPIRE Webinar Here](#)

New NSPIRE Resources

HUD recently posted short instructional videos for inspectors that help broaden and deepen knowledge related to the application of NSPIRE standards for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. Each instructional video on the [National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate \(NSPIRE\) Standards: How to Inspect page](#) includes the definition, inspection process, and deficiencies for the corresponding standard.

[View NSPIRE Videos Here](#)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

How CDBG Can Support HCV Utilization

Discover how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds can enhance the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in your community! Learn how CDBG can assist with security deposits, necessary building improvements, landlord engagement, and promoting HCV acceptance.

[Read More About How CDBG Can Support HCV Here](#)

New USPS Mapping Resource

PD&R released a new tool combining USPS data on resident occupancy with demographic data and HCV utilization by 2020 census tract. The [HUD Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies](#) tool shows change in time from the 1st quarter 2008 to the 1st quarter of 2024. This feature is also useful for graphically displaying the effects of disaster recovery, gentrification, and other economic forces impact a neighborhood's makeup and HCV usage. Users are required to apply for access, and access is currently only available to government and non-profit employees.

[Access the Address Vacancy Mapping Tool Here](#)

Using HCV Admin Fees for Lease-up Expenses? PD&R wants to Hear from You!

HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research (PD&R) wants to learn how PHAs have been using HCV administrative fees to assist families with eligible lease-up expenses, such as security deposits, owner incentive payments, utility deposits/arrears, and application and holding fees.

If your PHA uses or has used HCV administrative fees for tenant leasing expenses, please email Admin_Fee_Project@hud.gov, and let us know!

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