

The HCV Connect

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

September 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update VMS Data and Year-End Reporting

PHAs, please ensure your VMS data is up-to-date for accurate program tracking. The year-end reporting/reconciliation deadline is approaching—confirm the date with your FMC representative and complete all necessary steps on time. For questions, contact your FMC representative.

Join Us in Celebrating 50 Years of the HCV Program!



The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program turns 50 this year, and HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) is celebrating with a special hybrid event on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. To mark this milestone, we've launched a dedicated website featuring event details, the program's history, and special content, including a commemorative edition of *Cityscape* focused on "Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance."

Visit the site to explore the program's evolution, success stories, and its impact on expanding housing opportunities for millions. Whether attending in person or online, join us in celebrating five decades of housing choice and opportunity!

[Explore HCV 50th Webpage](#)

Calling for Photo Entries: Celebrate the Housing Choice Voucher's 50th Anniversary!

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, we invite Public Housing Agencies nationwide to contribute photos showcasing its impact. Whether capturing stories of success or moments of community connection, your images can help illustrate the incredible difference HCV has made in people's lives. Please remember to obtain proper photo releases for any images featuring program participants. Let's honor the achievements and bright futures made possible by HCV! Email your submissions to HCV50@hud.gov.

Submission Deadline: October 4, 2024. Join us in commemorating this milestone with your powerful visual stories of hope and transformation!

New Mapping Resources Site

The new [HCV Mapping Resources page](#) compiles mapping and geographic based resources relevant to the HCV program. The first half of the page includes links to interactive tools and apps for learning more about the communities where vouchers are being used and the resources available to residents. The lower half of the page includes suggested

geospatial datasets related to the voucher program. Keep an eye out here for more tools in the near future.

[View Mapping Resources Here](#)

Mainstream Notice Describing New Alternative Requirements and Optional Waivers

On August 20th, HUD published [Notice PIH 2024-30](#), “Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for Mainstream Vouchers.” Using authority received from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, the Notice establishes new alternative requirements and optional waivers for Mainstream Vouchers that are intended to help PHAs improve Mainstream utilization and more successfully target Mainstream-eligible populations. PHAs have 120 days from the date of publication to implement the new alternative requirements. HUD will be hosting a webinar in Fall 2024 to provide a detailed description of the Notice. Questions about the Notice can be directed to MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov.

[Read Mainstream Notice Here](#)

FY 2025 Fair Market Rents

On August 14, HUD announced FY 2025 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in the [Federal Register](#). FY 2025 Fair Market Rents can be found at this [link](#), including the online query tool which will show the calculation steps and data for each area’s Fair Market Rents. The FY 2025 FMRs are effective October 1, 2025.

HUD Resources to Help Implement NSPIRE-V

HUD has developed training that includes a combination of PowerPoint presentations, infographics as well as instructional videos that are posted on the [NSPIRE website](#). The latest training for the HCV program on the [HUD Exchange](#) includes video demonstrations of how to inspect items under NSPIRE. For more information, visit the [NSPIRE homepage](#) and [sign up for the mailing list](#). Questions can be sent to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

[View the NSPIRE-V Website Here](#)

Revision to Implementation of NSPIRE Administrative Procedures for the Housing Choice Voucher Programs Published, Extends Compliance Date for Voucher Programs Until October 2025

HUD published revised notice [PIH 2024-26, REV-1](#) on August 9, 2024. It finalizes the administrative procedures of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher (PBV) programs. With the July 5, 2024, Federal Register notice "[Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate \(NSPIRE\); Extension of NSPIRE Compliance Date for HCV, PBV and Section 8 Moderate Rehab and CPD Programs](#)," HUD announced the further extension of the compliance date for HCV and PBV programs until October 1, 2025. This notice applies to all Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), including Moving-to-Work (MTW) PHAs, administering Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs. PHAs were previously required to notify HUD if they were delaying implementation of NSPIRE anytime past October 1, 2023.

- With this new extension, only PHAs that decide to implement NSPIRE prior to the new compliance date of October 1, 2025 (or change from early implementation to full extension date), must notify HUD of the date on which they plan to transition to NSPIRE.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Family Unification Program NOFO – Applications due October 30, 2024

PIH published the [FY 2024 Family Unification Program \(FUP\) Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), due on October 30, 2024. The NOFO makes available \$5 million for new FUP vouchers for PHAs that partner with public child welfare agencies and Continuums of Care. FUP vouchers may be used to serve two populations: (1) families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in (a) the imminent placement of the family’s child or children in out-of-home care, or (b) the delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care and (2) youth at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age who have 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 at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older. Direct questions about the NOFO to 2024FUPNOFO@hud.gov.

[View the FUP NOFO Here](#)

Digital Equity Act Competitive Grant Program

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) recently announced nearly \$1 billion in grant funding to fund activities that ensure underserved communities have access to computer devices and skills to fully participate in the digital world. Click below to learn more about the Digital Equity Act Competitive Grant Program and how to apply. The deadline for most applicants is September 23, 2024.

[Learn More Here](#)

EVENTS & TRAININGS

HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00PM 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. All past webinars are recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#).

September HCV Utilization Webinar: Tenant Resources

Join us for a brief webinar where we'll showcase our newly redesigned website, packed with updated resources for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program participants. Learn how your agency can use these tools to better support applicants and tenants with the latest information and guidance.

Mainstream Webinar to Review Notice PIH 2024-30

When: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Eastern Time

HUD is hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the optional waivers and alternative requirements outlined in [Notice PIH 2024-30](#), "Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for Mainstream Vouchers." Please share this information with your staff and any Mainstream service providers that you work with who may benefit from learning more about this notice. You may join the webinar using the link below. Any questions about the webinar or the Notice can be sent to MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov.

If you cannot join by computer, you may dial in by phone only at 1-202-735-3323 with access code 8196140#

[Join the Webinar Here](#)

HUD-VASH Operating Requirements Webinar

On August 21, 2024, PIH hosted a webinar to give public housing agencies (PHAs) an overview of the revised HUD-VASH Operating Requirements. This guidance makes significant changes to the requirements and flexibilities in the HUD-VASH program. These updates are designed to improve access to and utilization of the HUD-VASH program as we continue the work to end homelessness among veterans. You can find links to the recording and slide deck on the [HUD-VASH website](#).

Recording from July 2024 NSPIRE for Vouchers Get Ready Session Posted

HUD held an NSPIRE for Vouchers Get Ready session in a hybrid setting on July 16, 2024, in Washington, D.C. The [recording of the session is posted](#) along with [the presentation deck](#) from that day.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

HCV Program's 50 Year History in *Cityscape*

Read about the latest advancements in housing policy with this special edition of PD&R's *Cityscape*, "[Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance](#)," which commemorates fifty years of tenant-based rental assistance through comprehensive articles on the evolution and impact of the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

[PD&R's Cityscape, "Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance."](#)

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