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Messages from PDAS Monocchio

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Rich Monocchio recently sent the following messages to PHA Executive Directors. Visit [PIH News for PHAs](#) to view other archived messages.

[Update on NSPIRE for HCV and PBV Programs \(06-14-24\)](#)

PDAS Monocchio announced an extension to the compliance date for NSPIRE-V for one year, until October 1, 2025. In light of the extension, PIH will re-issue the NSPIRE-V notice with updated information.

[Responding to Extreme Heat in Public Housing \(06-13-24\)](#)

PDAS Monocchio announced the publication of [Notice PIH 2024-20](#), which includes guidance that PHAs may choose to provide assistance to any family in public housing that requests relief for excess utility charges for in-unit cooling during periods of severe or extreme heat. The increased costs of providing this relief are legitimate operating subsidy expenses. Although families must still request relief, the notice shows how PHAs can streamline the request process and includes sample language PHAs can use to start providing relief immediately.

Special Topics

Revised HIP Schedule

On June 17, 2024, GDAS Dominique Blom sent a [message](#) notifying PHAs that the schedule published in the [HIP Implementation Notice](#) will be revised and critical dates will be extended. HUD will not shut down the IMS/PIC system until the new

HIP system is ready for PHAs to use. We will reach out to you with the updated schedule in the coming weeks. Please review the full message for more information, including actions that PHAs should continue and actions that are suspended.

HOTMA Voucher Final Rule Webinar **June 20 | 11:00 AM ET**

Attend our webinar on [PIH Notice 2024-19](#) to learn about 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.

[Join live webinar here](#)

Expediting Admission to the Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher, and Public Housing Programs for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

PIH published [Notice PIH 2024-17](#), which provides a streamlined process for PHAs to request waivers that will expedite housing assistance for people experiencing homelessness by enabling PHAs to accept self-certification of income, date of birth, and disability status for those who do not have documentation readily available. When granted, these waivers will remain in effect for a period of 12 months following approval and will provide alternative requirements that the PHA must follow during the period the waiver is in effect.

Nominations for Members for the HUD Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee Due July 15

HUD published a [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the nominations for appointment to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC). Nominations are due by July 15, 2024, and may be made by agency officials, members of Congress, the general public, professional organizations, and the nominee. Nominations to the HCFAC must be submitted using [form HUD-90005](#) and sent to HCFAC.application@hud.gov.

The HCFAC provides the Office of Housing Counseling with advice regarding its mission to provide individuals and families with the knowledge they need to obtain, sustain, and improve their housing through a strong national network of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and HUD-certified counselors. For more information about the HCFAC, please visit the [Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee webpage](#). Direct questions to HCFACCommittee@hud.gov

Public Housing Program

Radon Demonstration Grant Applications Due July 15

Over \$4M in funding is available to protect children and families living in public housing from radon exposure. [Applications](#) are due by July 15, 2024. The funds cover testing and mitigation, as well as the development of a plan for future testing and mitigation as needed. The maximum award amount is \$600,000. For more information, including FAQs, visit HUD's [Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration for Public Housing](#) web page.

Capital Fund NOFO for High-Risk, Receivership, Substandard, Troubled PHAs – Application Webinar Recording Available

You can now view the recording of the June 10 [webinar](#) about the application process for the [Capital Fund High Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Applications are due July 23, 2024. The NOFO makes \$12.5 million available to PHAs in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk to improve the physical conditions and management of public housing to provide residents access to safe and decent homes, increase occupancy, and reduce long-term vacancies through capital improvements.

Housing Choice Voucher Program

HCV Utilization Webinar: Improving PHA Leasing Processes July 20 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Does your housing authority struggle with long vacancy periods and inefficient lease-up processes? This webinar will explore innovative strategies like remote

inspections, pre-inspections, leveraging other funds for deposits, expediting eligibility determinations, and streamlined recertifications to help you lease units more quickly and effectively.

[Register here](#)

This webinar is part of the HCV Utilization Webinar series held the third Thursday of every month from 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET. You can register for upcoming webinars and view past webinars by visiting the [HCV Trainings and Resources](#) webpage.

2024 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest Open Until August 30

PIH is accepting registrations of interest until August 30, 2024, 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 HUD-VASH program is a critical tool to help end veteran homelessness, combining 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 and VA designated entities.

NSPIRE for Vouchers Instructional Videos

HUD recently posted short [instructional videos](#) for inspectors on NSPIRE standards for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. You can also watch the May 28 [NSPIRE for Vouchers Webinar for PHAs](#). Find additional tools, information, and resources on the [NSPIRE website](#) or email questions to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

NSPIRE for Vouchers Get Ready Session in DC July 16 | 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM ET

PHAs in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia are invited to attend the NSPIRE for Vouchers Get Ready session on July 16, 2024, at HUD Headquarters in Washington, DC. Registration is required as in-person space is limited. A webcast will be available for those unable to attend in person, including PHAs across the country. Direct your questions to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

[Register to attend in person](#)

[View the live webcast](#)

Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR) Community of Practice

HUD is bringing together a group of PHAs that have implemented or will implement Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR). This group is coming together as a “Community of Practice” 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. Multiple opportunities for participation will be available throughout the calendar year 2024.

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.

Stability Voucher Webinar Series: Advancing Equity June 26 | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Learn about the core concepts of equity and how to incorporate equity principles in your Stability Voucher program. The Austin, Texas Continuum of Care will discuss its work to address disparities in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

[Register here](#)

This webinar is part of the [Stability Vouchers Webinar Series](#).

Award Announcements

[HUD Invests \\$84 Million Into Family Self-Sufficiency and Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Programs to Transform Residents' Lives](#)

[HUD and VA Make \\$78 Million Available to Help Homeless Veterans Find Permanent Housing](#)

Climate Resiliency and Energy Efficiency

Extreme Heat Quick Guide

HUD's [Extreme Heat Quick Guide](#) provides PHAs and other HUD grantees with ways to evaluate their vulnerability to extreme heat and to implement local mitigation strategies to enhance resilience. Visit HUD's [Extreme Heat](#) webpage on HUD Exchange for more resources.

Home Energy Rebate Program Updates

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Home Energy Rebate Programs, including [Home Efficiency Rebates](#), are becoming available as states finalize their programs. Some of these rebates are point-of-sale for purchases such as heat pumps, hot water heaters, and electric ovens/stoves. DOE posts regular updates to their [website](#) about each state's process. Bookmark the site and reach out to your State Energy Office to find out how it plans to deploy these funds to PHAs.

Application for 2024 Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program Open until July 27

The application period for DOE's [Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program](#), also known as 48(e), is open for an initial 30-day period until July 27, 2024. Following the 30-day period, DOE will accept applications on a rolling basis. This program allows PHAs to get an additional 20% Tax Credit eligible for Elective (Direct) Pay on top of the existing 30% credit for placing small-scale solar and wind facilities on a PHA property.

Notices

PIH recently issued the following notices. For all notices, visit [PIH Notices](#).

- **PIH 2024-20** [Responding to Extreme Heat in Public Housing - Eligible Expenses and Individual Relief for Excess Utilities Consumption](#)
- **PIH 2024-19** [HOTMA HCV and PBV Final Rule - Guidance on Effective and Compliance Dates and PHA Implementation Preparation](#)
- **PIH 2024-18** [2024 Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers](#)

Important Deadlines

[Housing-Related Hazards & Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund NOFO Applications](#)

July 1, 2024

[Nominations for Members for the HUD Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee](#)

July 15, 2024

[Capital Fund High-Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled NOFO Applications](#)

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We hope you enjoy receiving these messages from HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH). If you are not part of our listserv and would like to receive our monthly PIH Newsletter, please [subscribe](#).

Public Housing Agency contact information is retrieved from HUD's Public Housing Information Center (PIC).

If your agency's contact information is out of date, please update PIC with the correct contact information.

We update our email lists from PIC twice a month, so you should see your change reflected after two weeks.

Thank you for furthering HUD's mission in the communities you serve.