



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHA Newsletter: August 2022

News from HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing sent to PHA Executive Directors

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## SPECIAL TOPICS

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### HUD Bridging the Wealth Gap

Today, HUD [announced](#) the release of *Bridging the Wealth Gap: An Agenda for Economic Justice and Asset Building for Renters*, which describes actions the department will take to help low-income renters achieve financial well-being and homeownership. These asset building efforts will focus on increased savings, access to mainstream banking, and credit score improvement. Please see the full *Bridging the Wealth Gap* agenda [here](#).

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### 2022 FSS Notice Of Funding Opportunity

HUD has published the [2022 Family Self-Sufficiency NOFO](#) for PHAs to support the salaries of FSS Program Coordinators. Applications are due Monday, October 3, 2022. FSS Program Coordinators build networks with local stakeholders, conduct outreach to prospective participants, and support participating families in developing strategies to increase their earned income and make progress toward their employment and financial goals.

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### HUD's Carbon Monoxide Device Requirement - Government Purchasing Program

PHAs preparing for the new carbon monoxide requirements enacted by Congress must have carbon monoxide alarms or detectors installed by December 27, 2022. Carbon monoxide devices can be combined with smoke detectors, hard-wired or battery-operated. PHAs purchasing in bulk can consider [Lowe's partnership with OMNIA Partners](#) to provide government agencies and nonprofits contract savings at the time of purchase, with no minimum order required. [PIH Notice 2022-01](#) includes more information about HUD's carbon monoxide requirement.

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## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

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## Community Choice Demonstration: Housing Mobility Webinar Series

[Webinar series recordings and slides available!](#)

HUD recently hosted a webinar series about housing mobility to inform PHAs how to help Housing Choice Voucher families move to well-resourced, low-poverty neighborhoods. This three-part series includes an overview of [HUD's Community Choice Demonstration](#), as well as a discussion of considerations for PHAs thinking about launching a housing mobility program and an in-depth review of mobility-related services. You may find the Housing Mobility Webinar Series recordings and slides at the [HCV Training and Resources Page](#).

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## PUBLIC HOUSING

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### Capital Fund Guidebook Training Series

HUD is sponsoring a second round of the [Capital Fund Guidebook Webinar Series](#), designed to help PHAs understand recent changes in Capital Fund requirements as well as serve as an overall refresher of the Capital Fund program at large.

- [CF Formula/DDTF](#) | August 08, 2022 | 1:00 PM ET

*This session highlights what goes into the Capital Fund Formula and the latest rules related to Demolition and Disposition Transitional Funding (DDTF).*

- [Planning/Submission](#) | September 6, 2022 | 1:00 PM ET

*This session provides information on the elements of and reason for capital needs planning and some background on the Capital Fund submission process. This session is a pre-requisite for the forthcoming EPIC Webinar.*

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## COMMUNITY & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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### Recruiting and Retaining Residents in Supportive Services Programs

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

[HUD Strong Families](#) is pleased to announce the Recruiting and Retaining Residents webinar, which will feature community and supportive service practitioners who have used various

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techniques, including the trauma-informed approach to successfully recruit and retain residents into an array of resident services programs.

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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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### Ongoing PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, & Recovery Webinar Series

Registration is open for all upcoming webinars in the [PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, & Recovery Webinar Series](#). The series will provide PHAs with proactive disaster management strategies and resources. Upcoming topics are scheduled as follows:

- [Tornadoes](#) | August 9 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
  - [Flooding](#) | August 23 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
  - [Building Fires](#) | September 6 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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HUD is currently accepting applications for the following PIH programs:

- [Foster Youth to Independence Competitive NOFO for FY2022](#) – applications due Monday, August 8, 2022
  - [2022 Family Self-Sufficiency NOFO](#) - applications due Monday, October 3, 2022
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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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[HUD Awards over \\$36 Million in Mainstream Vouchers and Fees to Support Community Living for People with Disabilities](#)

[HUD Awards \\$621,000 in Foster Youth to Independence \(FYI\) vouchers to 14 PHAs to prevent homelessness faced by youth involved in the child welfare system](#)

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## NOTICES

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- [View PIH Notices](#)
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- [PIH 2022-20](#) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Establishment of the Escrow Account and Use of Forfeited FSS Escrow

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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### Louisville's Choice Neighborhoods Grand Opening Highlights Community's Transformation



*HUD Regional Administrator José Alvarez joins Louisville Mayor Greg Fisher, Louisville Metro Housing Authority staff, and community stakeholders for the grand opening of Beecher Terrace Phase III on July 21, 2022*

Vibrant mixed-income housing, stunning placemaking art, an award-winning restaurant, high quality childcare, and new retail. Seven years ago, when a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant was awarded to the Russell neighborhood, most wouldn't have imagined these words could describe their community. But at a [July grand opening event](#) celebrating Phase III of what will be 620 mixed-income apartments, the results of a community-driven transformation were on full display.

In the 1940's and 1960's, urban renewal devastated the thriving African American business district and saturated the once diverse area with large, subsidized housing developments. One of these developments included Beecher Terrace, a deteriorated complex of 758 public housing units. In the decades since, the Russell neighborhood struggled with disinvestment and concentrated poverty.

But a community process – led by local champions with Choice Neighborhoods funding – changed that. Starting with a FY 2014 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority, Louisville Metro Government, resident leaders, and their partners led dozens of community meetings. Beecher Terrace residents and community members developed “Vision Russell,” a plan for the neighborhood’s future. In 2016, the community received a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to make their plan a reality.

By July’s grand opening event, over 400 new mixed-income units had been built or were under construction, replacing the old Beecher Terrace with revitalized low income, moderate income, and market rate units. Additional affordable housing units are being built in and outside of the neighborhood, including in opportunity-areas, replacing all former Beecher Terrace units one for one. Beyond housing, Choice Neighborhoods funds and leverage have sparked a multitude of neighborhood improvements. New retail centers include an award-winning restaurant, high quality childcare, and other neighborhood businesses. Beautiful murals reflecting the rich history of the neighborhood cover overpasses that were once eye sores. Dozens of homes along a key corridor received needed repairs. Bus stops have become works of art and a splash pad and new amenities dot the landscape.

*Choice Neighborhoods provided the funds and convening power necessary for Louisville to create and implement a plan based on their unique assets and opportunities. What can your community create with Choice Neighborhoods funding? PHAs should consider applying for funding upon publication of the FY22 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity later this summer / early fall. Sign up for the [Choice Neighborhoods newsletter](#) to be the first to find out when the funding announcement is published.*

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We hope you enjoy receiving these messages from HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing.

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.