



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHA Newsletter: June 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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### **NSPIRE Standards Published for Public Comment**

On June 17, 2022, HUD published in the Federal Register the proposed [National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate \(NSPIRE\)](#) for public comment. After developing and testing draft standards, HUD now seeks public review and comment on the proposed NSPIRE physical inspection standards which would accompany HUD's final rule. The NSPIRE Standards will replace and significantly strengthen HUD's current physical condition requirements, known as the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) for public housing and the Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-based Voucher (PBV) programs. Comments on the Federal Register notice and standards are due by **Monday, August 1, 2022**.

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### **New Funding Opportunity for At Risk, Receivership, Substandard, & Troubled Public Housing**

The Capital Fund At Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Program NOFO makes \$26.5 million available for PHAs in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at-risk with funding for costs associated with capital improvements at public housing asset management projects. The application deadline is Monday, July 11, 2022. More information, including the list of eligible PHAs and the webinar recording are available [here!](#)

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### **FSS Final Rule: Significant changes for FSS Programs**

The Final Rule implementing the re-authorization of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program was [published in the Federal Register](#) on May 17, 2022. The statute and implementing regulations introduce many updates and changes to the FSS program. PHAs are required to submit an updated FSS Action Plan by September 30, 2022. Please review the Final Rule, guidance and technical assistance on [HUD's FSS Resources Page](#). Please note that the new statute expands eligibility for FSS funding to multifamily property owners and allows for multifamily owners to establish cooperative agreements with PHAs' FSS programs.

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## Expanding Broadband Access

On May 9, 2022, HUD [announced](#) actions to expand broadband to more than 4 million HUD-assisted families, as part of the administration's outreach efforts on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). HUD's announcement comes as part of the "whole-of-government outreach effort" to drive enrollment in the ACP, which will help lower the cost of broadband for eligible households and expand access to reliable services for rural, urban, suburb, and Tribal communities across the country. Households receiving HUD rental assistance qualify for ACP subsidies, but families need to enroll in the program to receive the benefit.

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## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

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### Use of Housing Choice Voucher and Mainstream Voucher Administrative Fees for Other Expenses to Assist Families to Lease Units

HUD issued [PIH Notice 2022-18](#), which provides guidance on the use of HCV and Mainstream voucher ongoing administrative fees for expenses related to assisting families to lease units. The notice expands PHAs' eligible uses of administrative fees to include landlord incentive payments, security deposit assistance, and other expenses that can improve voucher utilization.

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### HCV Utilization Webinar: Using Administrative Fees to Improve Leasing Success

Thursday, July 21, 2022 | 2:00 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

This webinar will present best practices for using HCV Administrative Fees to improve leasing success and discuss the new HCV Administrative Fee Notice ([Notice PIH 2022-18](#)).

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### Extended Deadline to Apply for New Mainstream Vouchers and Administrative Fees

Through [PIH Notice 2022-19](#), HUD has extended the deadline to apply for new Mainstream vouchers and administrative fees funding until **Thursday, July 14, 2022**. This notice updates PIH Notice 2022-07, making additional PHAs eligible for new vouchers by lowering the utilization threshold requirement to 75% and increasing the funding available for new vouchers to \$40 million. PHAs also have more time to apply for extraordinary administrative fees to support lease up efforts.

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### New FAQs on the Housing Choice Voucher Program

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New Frequently Asked Questions are now available to aid administrators of the HCV program in decision making. The FAQs will be updated periodically as new questions and answers are developed. To explore this new FAQ, you may visit the [Frequently Asked Questions landing page](#) or go directly to the [HCV program](#) FAQ.

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### Emergency Housing Voucher Landlord Engagement Series

To help participating Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) PHAs and Continuums of Care address utilization challenges, HUD is hosting an ongoing EHV landlord engagement series. A listing of upcoming webinars can be found at the [EHV landing page](#), and recordings of past EHV webinars and office hours can be found archived [here](#).

These sessions are available to all interested in learning more via [this Zoom link](#). Upcoming topics are scheduled below:

- Tuesday, June 28, 2022 | 3:00 PM ET **Landlord Financial Incentives**. Participants will learn about a range of incentives, such as landlord bonuses, landlord support funds, and on-call support.
  - Tuesday, July 12, 2022 | 3:00 PM ET **Marketing, Outreach, and Retention Strategies**. Stakeholders will learn best practices for promoting the EHV program and maintaining strong relationships with landlords.
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### HCV Utilization Training: Financial Management and Best Practices

One of HUD's key goals is to increase nationwide leasing in the HCV program by efficiently and effectively budgeting for and using program funds. HUD offers online training modules to assist PHAs with the financial management of their HCV programs and related funding. To access the self-paced modules and other webinars, visit the [HCV Utilization Training: Financial Management and Best Practices page](#).

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### PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

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#### Public Housing Dashboard Now Available!

On April 14, 2022, HUD published its first ever [Public Housing Data Dashboard](#)! The dashboard shows data and visualizations explaining eligibility information, resident characteristics, occupancy trends, assessment scores, funding information, and energy data in one convenient location. For questions, please email: [OPHDataTeam@hud.gov](mailto:OPHDataTeam@hud.gov).

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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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### 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:

- July 12, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET [Extreme Temperatures](#)
  - July 26, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET [Wildfires](#)
  - August 09, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET [Tornadoes](#)
  - August 23, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET [Flooding](#)
  - September 06, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET [Building Fires](#)
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### Prepare Now for Hurricane Season

To help PHAs prepare for hurricane season (June 1 to November 30), HUD hosted the PHA Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery Webinar Series: Hurricanes on April 19, 2022. Steps taken now can help minimize the impacts and/or expedite the recovery efforts. [The webinar recording is now available to watch.](#)

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### Assess Your PHA's Risks Before a Disaster Event

As part of disaster preparedness, learn the specific risks to your PHA portfolio and residents using the [FEMA Interactive Flood Map](#) and [NOAA Environmental and Climate Hazards Interactive Map](#). Type your property address using the magnifying glass, then scroll down the left side of the page to determine its flooding, wildfire, and other risks.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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HUD is currently accepting applications for the following PIH programs:

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- [Capital Fund At Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Program](#) – applications due Monday, July 11, 2022
  - [Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency](#) – applications due Monday, July 18, 2022
  - [Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#) – applications due Thursday, July 28, 2022
  - [Jobs Plus](#) – applications due Friday, July 29, 2022
  - [Foster Youth to Independence](#) – applications due Monday, August 8, 2022
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## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### [HUD Announces \\$3.2 Billion for Capital Fund Program awards to over 2,800 Public Housing Authorities](#)

- Click [here](#) for a complete list of FY22 Capital Fund Program awards recipients.

### [HUD Announces Over \\$1.4 Million in Housing Assistance for Foster Youth through the Foster Youth to Independence \(FYI\) initiative](#)

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## NOTICES

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### [View PIH Notices](#)

- **PIH 2022-07** Mainstream Vouchers – Non-Competitive Opportunity for Additional Vouchers Authorized by the CARES Act and Extraordinary Administrative Funding
  - **PIH 2022-09** Streamlined Regulatory Waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream and Mod Rehab) Program
  - **PIH 2022-10** Implementation of the Final Rule on Section 3 Regulations - 24 CFR Part 75
  - **PIH 2022-11** Request for Applications under the Moving to Work Demonstration Program: Asset Building Cohort
  - **PIH 2022-14** Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program
  - **PIH 2022-15** Federal Financial Report – Standard Form 425
  - **PIH 2022-17** Implementation of Public Housing Operating Fund Shortfall Funding from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Appropriations
  - **PIH 2022-18** Use of Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Mainstream Voucher Administrative Fees for Other Expenses to Assist Families to Lease Units ([Register here](#) for the associated webinar on July 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM ET)
  - **PIH 2022-19** Updates to PIH Notice 2022-07 and provides information on new funding opportunities for Mainstream vouchers
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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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*HUD Regional Administrator Ulysses “Deke” Clayborn joins US Department of Health and Human Services Regional Administrator Joseph Palm, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, and local stakeholders to celebrate the groundbreaking of Sam Rodgers Place*

### **Choice Neighborhoods Links Health and Housing in Kansas City, MO**

The Housing Authority of Kansas City and City of Kansas City, Missouri celebrated the groundbreaking of Sam Rodgers Place on May 23, 2022. Sam Rodgers Place is the seventh and final housing phase of a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant focused on the revitalization of the Paseo Gateway neighborhood in northeast Kansas City.

Sam Rodgers Place represents a partnership between the Housing Authority of Kansas City, City, Brinshore Development, United Way of Greater Kansas City, and the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. The 62-unit mixed-income housing development will be part of a larger health campus focused on community wellness. The Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center anchors the campus as a medical home for thousands in Kansas City. The campus will also include construction of the “Propeller Building,” a multiuse building focused on health and well-being. The Propeller Building will include space for classrooms, small businesses, and nonprofits. An outdoor event lawn, play area for children, and community garden are also planned for the campus. Kansas City’s overall Choice Neighborhoods effort is leveraging \$109 million in additional public and private resources from more than 30 local and state partners. More than 300 new mixed-income units will be completed, with two phases also leveraging HUD’s Rental Demonstration Assistance program and additional HOME dollars.

HUD awarded the housing authority and city a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant in 2015. Their neighborhood transformation plan was developed through a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant awarded in 2011. HUD has funded over 100 Planning Grants nationwide. HUD is currently accepting applications for Planning Grants from public housing authorities, cities, tribes, and nonprofits. Visit the FY22 funding page on [www.hud.gov/cn](http://www.hud.gov/cn) for more information.

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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.