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Special Attention of:

Public Housing Agencies that Administer
the Housing Choice Voucher Program,
Public Housing Directors, and
Regional Public Housing Directors

Notice PIH 2025-21 (HA)

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Cross References: 89 FR 65769

Subject: 2025 Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers

1. Purpose. This notice announces the availability of approximately \$34 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH). HUD anticipates that this funding will support approximately 3,400 new HUD-VASH vouchers. These vouchers are administered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and enable homeless veterans and their families to access affordable housing with an array of supportive services.

HUD-VASH vouchers are authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as modified by the requirements in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4) (2025 Act). The 2025 Act appropriates amounts “under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2024.” The 2025 Act provides a total of \$15 million in funding for HUD-VASH. Of the \$15 million appropriated under the 2025 Act, \$5 million is being made available under this notice. The additional \$29 million in funding available in this notice is made available from carryover funds remaining from prior year HUD-VASH appropriations. In accordance with the 2025 Act, HUD will make the remaining \$10 million available for HUD-VASH additional administrative fees under a forthcoming PIH notice.

2. Background. 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. The partnering VA facility refers all eligible HUD-VASH families to the public housing agency (PHA) that administers the HCV assistance.

Generally, the HUD-VASH program is administered in accordance with the HCV regulations in 24 CFR part 982 and the project-based voucher (PBV) regulations in 24 CFR part 983 (in cases where HUD-VASH vouchers are project-based). However, the 2025 Act allows HUD (in consultation with the VA) to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that HUD administers in connection with this program in order to effectively

deliver and administer HUD-VASH assistance (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such voucher assistance.

Waivers and alternative requirements for HUD-VASH are detailed in the Revised Operating Requirements published in the *Federal Register* at 89 FR 65769 on August 13, 2024. This and other documents pertinent to the program can be found on the HUD-VASH webpage at: <https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/housing-choice-vouchers-homeless-veterans>.

3. Summary of Allocation Process. Under the 2025 Act, HUD-VASH funding must be awarded based on geographic need, PHA administrative performance, and other factors specified by HUD. HUD-VASH funding is explicitly excluded from the competition provision (section 203) in the Act. Consistent with the requirements of the 2025 Act, HUD will award tenant-based HUD-VASH vouchers based on geographic need to eligible PHAs who self-identify to HUD their interest in receiving an allocation. The awards will follow a two-step process:

- (1) Eligible PHAs will respond to this notice via the Registration of Interest link located on the HUD-VASH webpage. The webpage is provided here for reference: <https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/housing-choice-vouchers-homeless-veterans>.

Please note that signed Letters of Support from partnering VAMCs are required and should be uploaded at the time of PHA submission. See Section 7 of this notice for detailed instructions.

- (2) Based on a relative need formula, using VA Gap Analysis data, registered PHAs will receive an invitation to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers.

PHA administrative performance will be determined as detailed in Section 6 of this notice and based on their demonstrated HUD-VASH leasing capacity. The leasing capacity criteria ensures that PHAs in communities where there is the greatest likelihood that homeless veterans and their families will be housed promptly receive HUD-VASH vouchers. The leasing capacity, or utilization threshold, criteria are explained in detail in Section 6.a. of this notice.

4. Registration of Interest Due Date. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest form, located on the HUD-VASH webpage (<https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/housing-choice-vouchers-homeless-veterans>), must be submitted no later than midnight in the time zone of the PHA on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. See Section 7 for all Registration of Interest Requirements.

5. Eligible Applicants. PHAs currently administering the HCV program that also meet the threshold criteria detailed in Section 6 below are eligible to submit a Registration of Interest under this notice.

PHAs without a current HUD-VASH program are not subject to the utilization threshold requirements outlined in Section 6.a of this notice and are eligible to submit a Registration of

Interest if the other threshold requirements in Sections 6.b and 6.c are met.

Nonprofit agencies that only administer HCV Mainstream vouchers are not eligible to submit a Registration of Interest under this notice.

6. Threshold Criteria. The following threshold criteria must be met for a PHA to be eligible to receive an award of HUD-VASH vouchers under this notice.

- a. *Utilization:* PHAs with an existing program of more than **25** existing HUD-VASH vouchers must have a current HUD-VASH voucher unit utilization rate of **60 percent** or higher as of March 1, 2025, or as of the most recent comprehensive set of validated data available to HUD at the time of award. HUD will use the higher of these available data sets. PHAs with 25 or fewer HUD-VASH vouchers will not be subject to the utilization threshold criteria.

Unit utilization rate is defined as Voucher Management System (VMS) reported HUD-VASH March 2025 Unit Months Leased (UML) divided by total HUD-VASH vouchers awarded to date. (Please note that this is total awards, not effective awards). PHAs can review the VMS data that HUD uses to establish the utilization threshold criteria by accessing the public data dashboard located at: <https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/public-indian-housing-hcv-dashboard>. Note that HUD-VASH is on Slide 7 of the data dashboard. If a PHA is uncertain about whether it meets this criteria, the PHA may send an inquiry to VASH@hud.gov.

- b. *Capacity:* PHAs, as required by the 2025 Act, must demonstrate the capacity to successfully administer the HUD-VASH program. In addition to the utilization threshold, PHAs must not have any major unresolved program management findings from an Inspector General audit, HUD management review, or Independent Public Accountant audit for the PHA's HCV program, or other significant program compliance issues that were not resolved, or are in the process of being resolved, as determined by HUD, prior to this notice's application deadline. Additionally, outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved to HUD's satisfaction before the application deadline. Applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review and they will not receive funding. If a PHA is unsure whether these criteria are met, it should contact the HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) field office.
- c. *Letter of Support:* All Registrations of Interest must include a valid, signed Letter of Support from the partnering VA facility. The Letter of Support must be signed after the date of publication of this notice and no later than Wednesday, September 10, 2025. See Section 7.

7. Registration of Interest Requirements. PHAs must consult with their partnering VA facility to discuss their intentions of submitting a Registration of Interest and request a Letter of Support for HUD-VASH vouchers under this notice. Letters of support from the VA do not need to include a specific number of vouchers requested because the number of vouchers offered to a

PHA will be determined by a formula.

PHAs are encouraged to consult with their local Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency to discuss their intention of submitting a Registration of Interest. CoC planning is a critical tool in identifying resources, assessing a community's capacity, and developing solutions to challenges that homeless veterans and their families experience. PHAs are not required to provide a letter of support from the lead CoC or CoC partnering agencies.

- a. PHAs must complete the FY25 HUD-VASH Electronic Registration of Interest form located on the HUD-VASH webpage, (<https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/housing-choice-vouchers-homeless-veterans>), identifying that they are interested in receiving HUD-VASH vouchers. If a PHA partners with more than one VA facility, the PHA must complete a separate Registration of Interest form with the signed letter of support for each partnering VA facility. The PHA will need the signed Letter of Support from the PHA's partnering VAMC to complete registration.

- (1) PHAs will be asked to enter:

- Information about the PHA (name, code, and executive director's name and email),
- The name of the partnering VAMC, and
- Information from the partnering VA (the Veterans Integrated Services (VISN) number and the facility's Station ID, e.g., Birmingham VA Medical Center, VISN 7, Station 521).

- (2) Electronic Registration of Interest Form submissions must include an upload of a signed Letter of Support from the partnering VA facility Medical Center Director. Registration of Interest submissions without a valid, corresponding letter of support will not be curable and will not be considered for an award.

- b. All Registrations of Interest must be transmitted no later than midnight in the time zone of the PHA on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

- (1) After successful completion of the FY25 HUD-VASH Registration of Interest form, the sender will receive a "submission confirmation" email, confirming receipt. *If the PHA does not receive an email confirming receipt, the submission was not received, and the PHA will not be considered for an award. To be considered for an award, the PHA should resubmit.*

- (2) Emails, faxes, and hard copy submissions will not be accepted. Note: receipt of a "submission confirmation" message does not validate whether or not the Registration of Interest is complete. Please review the notice in its entirety to ensure all requirements are met.

8. Formula Used for Allocating HUD-VASH Vouchers. The allocation of HUD-VASH

vouchers will be awarded based on a relative need formula using the VA Gap Analysis. The VA Gap Analysis integrates data from both VA and HUD, as well as feedback from community partners. Specifically, it incorporates annual Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count data using a crosswalk of VAMC and CoC jurisdictions. It also considers utilization of existing resources to estimate current and future need at each VAMC.

9. Minimum/Maximum Number of Vouchers. HUD is establishing a minimum and maximum number of vouchers offered under this notice. Any single PHA may be invited to apply for a minimum of 5 vouchers and a maximum of 500 vouchers under this notice; this is applicable to both new and existing administrators of the HUD-VASH program. Additionally, each VAMC will be capped at 1,000 vouchers.

10. Invitation of PHAs. Selected eligible PHAs will receive an invitation via email to apply for a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers. This number is the maximum number of vouchers being offered. PHAs may choose to apply for fewer vouchers. Additional instructions will be included in the invitation letter. HUD may award any remaining HUD-VASH funds via invitation to additional eligible PHAs at any time based on availability of funding, PHA capacity and geographic need as required by the 2025 Act.

11. Use of HUD-VASH Assistance to Project-Base Vouchers. PHAs may use HUD-VASH assistance for PBVs at any time after HUD awards the PHA HUD-VASH vouchers, provided the PHA and owner comply with all PBV regulations (see 24 CFR part 983) and requirements in the HUD-VASH operating requirements. No additional HUD approvals are required for project basing HUD-VASH vouchers beyond the normal PBV process. However, as detailed in the HUD-VASH Operating Requirements, PHAs must consult with their partnering VA facility prior to applying HUD-VASH vouchers to a PBV project. For additional guidance, PHAs should review Attachment M of Notice PIH 2017-21, Implementation Guidance: Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) — Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Provisions, or successor guidance.

12. Information Contact. All inquiries about this notice should be directed to VASH@hud.gov.

13. Assistance Listing. The assistance listing for this opportunity is 14.871.

14. Post-Award Requirements and Administration. General administrative and eligibility requirements are posted on the [HUD Policies and Regulations website](#) and updated annually. To receive an award, you must adhere to the applicable requirements at the time of application. You must also adhere to the applicable requirements for the life of any award to remain eligible for the award.

15. Reporting. HUD is implementing new grant management and reporting tools, which will be rolled out for use by grantees in the near term. Grantees will be required to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for recipients and sub-recipients) using these new tools when they are released. HUD will work with grantees to support the transition to this new reporting environment. Once implemented,

timely reporting in this new environment will be mandatory. HUD reserves the right to exercise all available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grant management and financial reporting requirements, to include requiring 100 % review or stopping future disbursement altogether if reporting is not timely submitted.

16. Presidential Executive Actions Affecting Federal Financial Assistance Programs.

Regarding current and future Presidential Actions, all recipients of Federal financial assistance are responsible for making sure activities funded by Federal awards comply with applicable existing and future executive orders and other Presidential Actions, as advised by the Department, whether the recipients carry out those activities directly or use contractors or sub-recipients to carry out those activities. The list below highlights some of the executive orders that apply to recipients of HUD's financial assistance programs. However, the below list is not intended to include an exhaustive list of all executive orders applicable to HUD awards.

Recipients may find additional executive orders at the following webpage: [Presidential Actions – The White House](#).

Executive Orders (EOs)	EO Summary	Link to EO
EO 14219, <i>Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative</i>	EO 14219 requires agencies to focus its limited enforcement resources on regulations authorized by constitutional Federal statutes.	14219 (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative)
EO 14218, <i>Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders</i>	EO 14218 prohibits taxpayer resources and benefits from going to unqualified aliens.	14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders)
EO 14202, <i>Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias</i>	EO 14202 establishes a taskforce to eradicate Anti-Christian bias within the U.S. Department of Justice.	14202 (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias)
EO 14205, <i>Establishment of the White House Faith Office</i>	EO 14205 establishes the White House Faith Office within the Executive Office of the President to empower faith-based entities.	14205 (Establishment of the White House Faith Office)
EO 14182, <i>Enforcing the Hyde Amendment</i>	EO 14182 prohibits the use of Federal taxpayer dollars to fund or promote elective abortion.	14182 (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment)
EO 14173, <i>Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity</i>	EO 14173 requires Federal agencies to terminate all discriminatory and illegal preferences.	14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity)
EO 14168, <i>Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</i>	EO 14168 sets forth U.S. policy recognizing two sexes, male and female.	14168 (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government)
EO 14151, <i>Ending Radical and</i>	EO 14151 requires the Director of the	14151 (Ending Radical and

<i>Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing</i>	Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assisted by the Attorney General and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to coordinate the termination of all discriminatory programs and activities.	<u>Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing</u>
EO 14148, <i>Initial Rescission of Harmful Executive Orders and Action</i>	EO 14148 revokes 67 EOs that were each issued between January 20, 2021, and January 16, 2025; and 11 Presidential memoranda issued between March 13, 2023, and January 14, 2025, to advance fairness, safety, and improve the economy.	<u>14148 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions)</u>

17. Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3520). In accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The active information collections contained in this notice have been approved under the PRA OMB Control Number 2577-0169.



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