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SPECIAL EDITION

Due to the COVID-19 realities we are all dealing with, Choice Neighborhoods will be providing occasional special editions of our newsletter to support preparations, ongoing operations, and responses during this time of uncertainty.

HUD COVID-19 RESOURCES

Notices & Memorandums

PIH Notice: Supplemental Guidance for FY20 Operating Fund Appropriations (CARES Act)

This Notice provides guidance on the allocation, flexibilities, and eligible uses of the Supplemental Public Housing Operating funding provided by the CARES Act, which also includes certain uses for the health, safety, education, and childcare of residents. There are also additional eligible uses of Capital and Operating Funds.

CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support COVID-19 Response

The CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities for coronavirus response and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements. Please note that these new provisions are not only applicable to the \$5 billion in CDBG funding from the CARES Act, but many of the new provisions are also applicable to FY19 and FY20 CDBG funding.

Waivers & Suspensions of HOME Requirements Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

This memo provides guidance, statutory suspensions, and regulatory waivers, for HOME participants affected by COVID-19, to use HOME funds to address immediate housing needs and to help prevent spread of the virus.

PIH Notice: COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers

These waivers provide administrative flexibilities and relief to public housing agencies, Indian tribes, and tribally designated housing entities in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

PIH Notice: CARES Act – HCV Program Administrative Fees

This notice establishes new eligible activities to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus that may be funded with these supplemental administrative fee amounts.

HUD and Program COVID-19 Response Pages (updated regularly)

Dedicated email address for questions from PHAs

Please send any questions related to responding to COVID-19 to PIH-COVID@hud.gov. This email box is being constantly monitored and your question(s) will be reviewed and answered by the appropriate office.

HUD COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets

HUD COVID-19 Resources by Program Office and stakeholder group.

Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 page

PIH Policy Notices, FAQs, and other resources for stakeholders to help guide decisions on their response to COVID-19.

Eviction Moratorium FAQ

Recent updates include FAQs for both HUD Offices of Public and Indian Housing and Multifamily as well as an Eviction Moratorium FAQ document for public housing agencies.

RESIDENT SUPPORT

Resources that may be distributed to Residents

COVID-19 Resident Resources One-Pager

Curated resource list covering health, food, finance/employment, internet/computers, education, and youth supports for residents.

Tenant brochure: Addressing tenant concerns during COVID-19

This brochure applies to assisted and insured housing programs administered by HUD Office of Multifamily Housing Programs.

Tenant flyer: Eviction moratorium

Flyer to help public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher recipients understand the eviction moratorium that is in place until July 24.

Employment

Unemployment benefits assistance

Learn how to apply for unemployment benefits, workers' compensation, welfare or temporary assistance, and other programs and services that could help if someone lost their job.

Case Management

HHS remote case management resource

Virtual case management considerations and resources for human services programs.

COVID-19 Household Resources Assessment

Urban Strategies has shared their resident services tool for assessing a household's needs and resources to respond to COVID-19.

Food Resources

USDA's Find Meals for Kids Tool

USDA's searchable map and address locator of meal distribution centers

HUD's Food Pantry Finder Tool

Food pantry locator. Searchable by city or zip code.

FEMA chart of food assistance resources & expansion

This is a compilation of federal food assistance resources and explains any additional expansion or flexibility due to the COVID crisis.

Education

Social Emotional Learning resources for educators and parents

CASEL CARES is a new initiative that connects you with experts to address how social emotional learning can be most helpful in response to today's circumstances.

FUNDING SUPPORT

FEMA COVID-19 funding for nonprofits

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding through FEMA's Public Assistance program. Funds will be available throughout the duration of the public health emergency.

FY 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs NOFA

The Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance has \$3 million available – on rolling submission basis – to support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects

under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Eligible applicants include local governments and non-profits.

Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) Program FY2020 Notice of Funding

The HOPE program is seeking applications until June 3, 2020 to fund projects that support improvements to public transportation in areas of persistent poverty to help lift communities out of poverty and ensure that transportation connects people to jobs, schools, and healthcare facilities.

EVENTS & TOOLS

COVID-19 Webinar on safe cleaning & disinfecting of indoor environments

Tribal Healthy Homes Network's webinar, hosted by Partnership for Air Matters, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the indoor environment, in tribal and impacted communities.

Free virtual conference on improving outcomes for residents

The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) will be hosting a free, virtual conference on June 4-5, which will share lessons on collaborations between housing providers and partners as well as the impact of COVID-19. Participants must register in advance.

Complete the 2020 Census Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau has suspended all field operations including in-person census takers. Families are encouraged to continue to respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail.

FY 2020 Individual and Median Family Income Limits Tool

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) has created a system that provides the FY 2020 Income Limits (ILs) for any area of the country selected by the user.

Coronavirus and forbearance info. for students, borrowers, and parents

To provide relief to student loan borrowers during the COVID-19 national emergency, federal student loan borrowers are automatically being placed in an administrative forbearance, which allows borrowers to temporarily stop making monthly loan payment. This suspension of payments will last until Sept. 30, 2020.

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