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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: CARES Act mainstream funding for PHAs awarded funding allocation in '17 & '19 competitions

This notice establishes the process for the allocation of unobligated Mainstream Program funding for incremental tenant-based rental assistance for PHAs who were awarded funding allocations in 2017 and 2019 Mainstream Voucher Program competitions.

Example Charts for Tracking Public Housing and HCV CARES Act Waivers and Alternative Requirements

These charts summarize the waivers authorized under PIH Notice 2020-05 and the availability period for each.

PIH Notice: ICDBG-CARES Implementation Notice

This provides Indian tribes guidance on how to apply for ICDBG Imminent Threat funding.

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.

CPD program formula allocation & CARES Act supplemental funding for FY 20

These spreadsheets provide full-year allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs: CDBG CDBG RHP; HOME; HOPWA; ESG; HTF; and CARES Act supplemental funding.

- All Grants
- All CARES Act Grants

Q&A for Office of Multifamily Housing Stakeholders

Guidance and clarification of HUD's policies covering emergency preparedness, residents supports, CARES Act, Asset Management, RAD, inspections, environmental reviews, continuity of operations related to COVID-19.

FAQs for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities

The following FAQs have been designed to assist Tribes and TDHEs and cover emergency funding, key COVID-19 information resources, reporting extensions and waivers, and emergency operations and Tribal policies.

CDBG Eviction Moratorium Q&As

These Q&As provide guidance on Section 4024 of the CARES Act, which imposes a temporary moratorium on evictions.

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.

Health

Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19

Links to where there are available COVID-19 testing sites near you.

PHAs & TDHEs can host a testing site operated by an HHS partner

If you know of a PHA or TDHE that may be interested in hosting a testing site operated by one of HHS's private partners, please have them email PIH-COVID@hud.gov. HHS will provide the information to their partners.

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 Meals-To-You Program

Eligible families in participating school districts get a Meals-to-You box delivered to their home, for each of their students, during school closure periods.

HUD's Food Pantry Finder Tool

Food pantry locator. Searchable by city or zip code.

Education

Guide, advice, and searchable database for caring for students at home

This is a curated space for resources, tools, and guidance that can help everyone trying to support young children learning during this trying time.

FUNDING SUPPORT

How Communities can use CDBG funds to address COVID-19 Webinar

[- Watch the recording](#)

[- Download the slide deck](#)

Webinar: How to apply to Our Town grant program

On June 17, at 2pm EST, this webinar will offer an overview and practical advice on how to apply for an Our Town grant. The presentation will be followed by an open Q&A session.

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.

EVENTS & TOOLS

PIH Wednesday webinars on public housing repositioning

PIH is hosting the Wednesday Webinar series intended to explain and discuss common issues related to public housing repositioning. The webinars will be held on Wednesdays from 1-3PM ET.

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.

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