

Application Submission Notification and Webinar Announcement

FY 2024 Public Housing Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Grant Program

HUD is Now Accepting Applications through March 27, 2024

Webinar will be held on February 1, 2024

HUD is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Public Housing Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Grant (ESSG) Program. PHAs may submit applications now through Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm EDT.

Available Funding:

In FY24, HUD expects to fund \$10 million in grants through this program. Although the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2024 has not been enacted yet, in past years, not less than \$10 million has been set aside for necessary safety and security measures to address crime and drug-related activity, fire safety, and the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning in public housing. It is anticipated that \$10 million will become available in FY24. Funding will become available once the FY24 Appropriations Act is passed.

Due Date of Applications:

On April 21, 2023, HUD issued <u>PIH Notice 2023-10</u> (the "Notice"), which sets forth the annual funding notification and application process for the ESSG program. The Notice remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded. The URL for the Notice is:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/2023PIH10.pdf

Per paragraph 4 of the Notice, HUD is now accepting applications for FY24 ESSG Program. Paragraph 7 of the Notice is revised by this Application Submission Notification. Additionally, HUD has streamlined the lottery and review process as described below.

Applications are due no later than Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:00 pm EDT (see below for submission requirements).

Notice and Application Details:

Per PIH Notice 2023-10, HUD may accept applications for separate types of activities including: (1) fire safety devices including sealed or hard-wired smoke detectors, (2) compliance with the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) standards, (3) crime prevention measures, and/or (4) sealed or hard-wired carbon monoxide detectors. Each PHA is limited to a total grant award of \$250,000 for FY24 ESSG Program grants. HUD will treat separate applications for sealed or hard-wired carbon monoxide detectors and/or heat/smoke alarms/detectors, compliance with NSPIRE standards, and crime prevention measures as a single application for purposes of conducting the lottery. ESSG Program funds cannot be used to reimburse previous expenses.

PHAs should review PIH Notice 2023-10 thoroughly to fully understand the requirements for these funds. Paragraph 6 of the Notice describes the eligible activities and Paragraph 5 of the Notice describes the requirements that must be included in the application. If a PHA has eligible activities and wishes to apply for available funds, it should refer to Paragraph 5 of the Notice for the application submission requirements. The document submission requirements in Paragraph 5 of the Notice make up the entirety of ESSG application.

Per the Notice, please submit a single PDF copy of the application with all applicable documents listed in Paragraph 5 of the Notice to PIHOCI@hud.gov.

Revised Lottery Approach and Small PHA Preference:

The Department will conduct a lottery process designed to achieve a broad national distribution of funds, based on the Departmental Regions (Regions 1 through 10). At a minimum, at least one application in each Region will be funded, assuming eligible applications from each Region, provided there are sufficient available funds.

Since close to 75% of the 2,700+ PHAs nationwide are designated as small PHAs, the lottery will be designed to ensure a similar percentage of small PHAs receive FY24 ESSG funds. For the FY24 ESSG grants, small PHA is defined as having public housing unit inventory of 249 units or less (as identified in HUD's PHA Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center (IMS/PIC).

For Rounds 1 through 3 of the Regional lottery, HUD will review and fund eligible small PHA applications. For Round 4 of the Regional lottery, HUD will review applications in lottery order from PHAs with 250 or more units. For Rounds 5 through 7 of the Regional lottery, HUD will review and fund eligible small PHA applications. For Round 8 of the Regional lottery, HUD will review and fund eligible applications from PHAs with 250 or more units. If there are any remaining funds, HUD will review and fund eligible applications in overall Regional lottery order. Applications will be reviewed until all funds are exhausted based on eligible applications within each Region.

Webinar & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

HUD will hold a webinar on **Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2:00pm EDT**, which will be recorded and posted on our website. The purpose of the webinar is to discuss the details of PIH Notice 2023-10 and walk through the PHA application process. PHAs can <u>Click here</u> on February 1, 2024, at 2:00pm EST to access the webinar.

Within 10 days after the webinar, HUD will post the webinar on the Office of Capital Improvements webpage along with a webinar FAQ with responses to the questions raised on the webinar with a link to the webinar video. The webpage also includes the FY23 webinar and FY23 FAQ, which are posted as a resource. The Capital Improvements website link to the ESSG webpage is:

https://www.hud.gov/program offices/public indian housing/programs/ph/capfund/emfunding

For general questions, please call the Office of Capital Improvements at 202-402-4799 (TTY 800-877-8339) or send an email to: safetyandsecurityquestions@hud.gov.

HUDPIH-516391410-385 (384) Last Updated 1/23/2024