

The HCV Connect

Tools, tips, and updates to help with HCV Program administration.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Implementation Notice and HAP Set-aside Deadlines

On May 19, 2022, published PIH Notice 2022-14 - [Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program](#), which implement implements the 2022 HCV funding.

The notice identifies several critical dates including the submission deadline for funding adjustments under the HAP set-aside, the Administrative Fee set-aside, and requests for blended or higher Administrative Fee rates. We recommend that PHAs review the notice and pay close attention to the additional funding opportunities.

[Click Here for a Summary of Set-aside Funding Deadlines](#)

2022 Renewal Funding Details

All Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that operate an HCV program recently received a letter from HUD explaining their 2022 renewal funding. Highlights of the 2022 funding include an inflationary increase to account for recent rent cost changes, a small offset of excess program reserves, and a 100% proration so that all PHAs should be able to maintain or expand upon their 2022 leasing.

[Click Here to see a Video Explaining of HCV Renewal Funding](#)

HCV Utilization Webinar: FY22 Funding and the Implementation Notice

To learn more about the FY 2022 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program please participate on the HCV Program Utilization Webinar scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 2-3pm ET**.

[Click Here to Register](#)

HCV and Public Housing FAQs on HUD Exchange

These frequently asked questions and answers are intended to provide administrators of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher programs answers to routine questions to aid in decision making. The content does not have the force and effect of law and are not intended to in any way bind the public. Regulatory references are provided to help housing administrators identify applicable program governance and are intended to guide and support administrative decisions. Note that this document will be updated periodically as additional questions are asked and addressed and as new and revised HUD requirements and guidance are made available.

To explore these FAQs, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions landing page](#). Please note that there are sperate collections for the [HCV program](#) as well as the [Public Housing Program](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Tenant Protection Voucher Funding

Reminder to PHAs, Field Offices, and other HCV Program stakeholders to submit TPV funding applications to the Financial Management Division (FMD) at least 60 days in advance of the proposed effective date of the TPVs. For TPV actions effective September, October and November 2022, it is recommended that TPV requests be submitted by or before July 15, 2022.

Finally, due to an increase in TPV application requests the FMD implemented several costs saving measures. (1) On April 2022 the FMD began funding TPV requests only through December 2022 regardless of the effective date of the TPVs. And (2) effective May 19, 2022, the FMD is suspending the allocation of replacement TPVs for vacant units. However, if there are TPV funds leftover at the end of CY22, in chronological order of application receipt date, HUD may allocate replacement TPVs for vacant units occupied by an assisted family in the previous 24 months.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Portfolio Manager Specialist in the Field or the FMD at PIHConversionActions@hud.gov.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Final Rule

On May 17, 2022, the [FSS Final Rule](#) was published in the Federal Register implementing the reauthorization of the FSS program that was passed as part of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act of 2018. HUD encourages Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to review the [FSS Final Rule](#). As HUD works to implement this rule, PHAs should watch their inboxes and check the [HUD FSS Resources Page](#) for more information.

EVENTS

Housing Mobility Webinar Series

Recently, Congress made \$25 million available for PHAs to use in implementing mobility-related services for families with children in the HCV Program. While the funding opportunity has yet to be announced, HUD is hosting a three-part webinar series to assist PHAs in planning for and developing housing mobility programs within their HCV program. HUD invites you to attend one or more of the following webinars:

The Community Choice Demonstration: An Overview

Thursday, June 16 @ 4pm ET

[Click to Access the LIVE Training](#)

Considerations for Launching a Housing Mobility Program

Tuesday, June 28 @ 3pm ET

[Click to Access the LIVE Training](#)

What are Mobility-Related Services?

Wednesday, June 8 @ 2pm ET

[Click to Access the LIVE Training](#)

Issuing Vouchers & Leasing Virtually

Tuesday, June 7 @ 11:30am ET

This training will cover best practices for virtual voucher issuance and the unit leasing process for PHAs that wish to move some program functions to a remote environment. The training includes discussion of areas a PHA must consider, including ensuring equal opportunity for persons with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency (LEP).

[Register Here](#)

HCV Utilization Tool Update

The Two-Year Tool with 2022 as Year 1 is now posted.

Huzzah! Actual funding is included in Year 1 and should exactly match the funding enclosure recently sent, with the exception of recent new increments and fraud recovery/FFS forfeitures. If you have concerns, please reach out to your local field office or FMC FA. The tale the TYT now tells should be the same story as was seen in the 2021 as Year 1 TYT, as the estimated funding for 2022 should have been *very close* to the final 2022 funding.

There is a set of PHAs where we do not yet have finalized, reconciled 12/31/2021 reserves. This list is being worked by the FMC and updates are being made live in the system that the TYT uses. If you try to create a TYT where the reserves aren't finalized, you will be asked to cease and desist. At present, there are 65 not yet reconciled, down about 100 from 10 days ago.

We do not yet have Mainstream renewal or finalized reserves in the TYT. As such, you cannot use the nested MS TYT, nor will there be a MS At-Risk List this month.

[Click here to Download the TYT and find TYT Training Material](#)

Research and Publications

PD&R Learning Agenda

HUD recently published its [Learning Agenda: 2022-2026](#). The Learning Agenda sets forth the key learning questions, research projects, and data needs facing the Department as it seeks to use data and evidence to improve programs and policies. The Learning Agenda presents more than 100 research ideas across 11 policy topic areas that cover HUD's programs and investments. The Learning Agenda replaces the Research

Roadmap, which has served as HUD's research plan since 2014. The Learning Agenda is intended to be a living document, so we welcome input and feedback. You can send questions, comments, or suggestions to the Learning Agenda team via email at HUDLearningAgenda@huduser.gov.



GUIDEPOSTS

Each month we'll be highlighting an [HCV Guidebook](#) chapter, which provides an easy-to-use, one-stop resource to assist public housing agencies (PHAs), families and other stakeholders in the administration of voucher program.

Rent Reasonableness

The "[Rent Reasonableness](#)" chapter describes requirements for PHAs to ensure that rents charge by owners to HCV program participants are reasonable. The chapter covers the following information:

- When rent reasonableness determinations are required
- Comparability
- Assisted and unassisted units
- Tax credit and HOME units
- Rent increases
- PHA options for developing and maintaining a rent reasonableness process
- Sample forms

[Click for the Rent Reasonableness Chapter](#)

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