

The HCV Connect

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

April 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stability Vouchers Award Invitations Issued

On Monday, April 17, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) invited 139 PHAs to accept an allocation of HUD Stability Vouchers based on Registrations of Interest submitted in the Fall of 2022. This funding opportunity was a part of a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments. PHAs that received an invitation letter are reminded to reply to HUD by **Friday, April 21st** to accept the awards, in accordance with the letter instructions.

Notice on Remedies PHAs have for Poor Performing Owners in the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Voucher Programs

PIH recently published [Notice PIH 2023-06](#), which reminds PHAs of the remedies they have available when owners fail to comply with HCV and PBV policies and procedures, particularly those requirements that relate to the safety of the unit. This notice also reminds PHAs when owners must be prohibited from participating in their HCV and PBV programs, and when PHAs may exercise discretion to prohibit owners from participating in their programs.

Check out the new MTW Utilization Dashboards

HUD has published a new set of dashboards that highlight how MTW HCV allocations are being utilized by PHAs with Moving-to-Work (MTW) authority. MTW agencies are reminded that they may keep this data current by reporting in the Voucher Management System (VMS) by April 22nd.

[Click here to view the dashboards and learn more about the reporting](#)

2023 Income Limits

HUD anticipates releasing 2023 area median family incomes and income limits on May 15. For more information, please see HUD's [statement](#) on 2023 income limits and the income limits [page](#) of HUDUser.gov.

NSPIRE goes live for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program October 1, 2023



In preparation for this date, the NSPIRE team has been testing the app that inspectors will use for the protocols and conducted side by side Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and NSPIRE inspections with the Chicago Housing Authority and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. PHAs and owners can get ready for the effective date by watching the [training for NSPIRE for HCV](#) on the HUD Exchange. We continue to welcome feedback from the PHA and landlord community on the transition to NSPIRE. Send comments to NSPIRERegulations@hud.gov.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HUD Announces \$30.3 billion in HCV Funding

Last week, PHAs received notification of their 2023 HCV Contract Renewal funding amount. These Contract Renewal amounts represent a combined \$26.3 billion. This is a \$2.3 billion (10.5 percent) increase over 2022 funding levels, which is intended to help PHAs adjust to recent inflationary pressures and serve more households. Additional details, including the amount each PHA received for Contract Renewals, is available in [this press release](#).

2023 HCV Funding Implementation Published!

This Notice ([PIH 2023-07](#)) provides program and funding provisions based on the 2023 Appropriations Act for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Mainstream Vouchers. The Notice also provides information on how PHAs can apply for 2023 set-a-side funds.

[Click here to learn more information on 2023 funding and deadlines](#)

Mainstream 2023 HAP Contract Renewal Awards Completed

PIH issued Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract renewal funding awards to PHAs administering the Mainstream Vouchers during the week of April 3, 2023.

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) HAP Contract Renewal Funding Awards Completed

PIH completed the 2023 HAP renewal awards for the EHV Program, based on guidance on PIH Notice 2021-15, Section 7. b. EHV renewal enclosures to be delivered during the week of April 10th, 2023.

[Click here to see a video explaining the EHV funding process.](#)

Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

On Monday, March 20th, HUD announced the availability of up to \$10,000,000 in FY 2022 and FY2023 funding through its Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) Program NOFO. Through this NOFO, HUD is announcing the availability of at least one award for the \$5 million in FY 2022 funding and one award of up to \$5 million in FY 2023 funding to provide technical assistance (TA) to units of general local government (UGLGs) and their non-profit partners serving communities experiencing economic hardship.

[Click here for more information about the FY22/23 DCTA NOFO](#)

HUD-VASH Mid Cycle Registration of Interest

The FY 2023 HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Mid-Cycle Registration of Interest (ROI) – [PIH Notice 2023-09](#) – makes available approximately \$94.4 million in HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) supporting approximately 11,000 new HUD-VASH vouchers. As in prior years, PHAs will be provided an opportunity to self-identify interest in receiving vouchers. Interested PHAs will be required to provide written letters of support from their partnering VAMC to be considered no later than Wednesday, **May 10, 2023**.

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

Housing Mobility Toolkit Available Now!

Webinar April 26 at 1 pm (EST)

PHAs interested in launching a housing mobility program now have wide range of materials available to assist in their development and implementation through the [Housing Mobility Toolkit](#). Using materials developed for the [Community Choice Demonstration](#), HUD's technical assistance provider, FirstPic, modified these materials and have made them available for all PHAs.

The Housing Mobility Toolkit includes the following materials and more:

- **Program Set-Up Guide:** A starting point for PHAs interested in developing a housing mobility program
- **Program Guide:** A detailed housing mobility program services implementation guide
- **Client Binder:** A sample set of materials for use by the housing mobility program clients
- **Sample workshops:** A sample set of workshops and guides

HUD and FirstPic will be hosting an introductory webinar on the Housing Mobility Toolkit on **April 26 at 1 pm eastern**.

[Click here to register](#)

Reminder of HCV Utilization Webinar Series

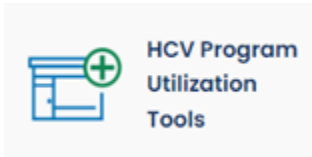
The third Thursday of every month we host an HCV Utilization Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration. Upcoming Topics will include:

- **Addressing Homelessness Through HCV & an Update on 2023 Funding (THIS THURSDAY – 4/20/23)**
- Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program Updates (5/18/23)
- Best Practices in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) (6/15/23)

If you have suggestions for additional topics, or how we can improve the webinars, please email HCVutilization@hud.gov.

[Click here to register for upcoming webinars or view recordings of past webinars](#)

HCV UTILIZATION TOOL UPDATES



The HCV program requires program administrators to make regular adjustments to reflect funding levels and local market conditions. HUD provides resources on the [HCV Utilization Tools site](#) to help PHAs forecast

the impact of different program adjustments and voucher issuance decisions. Here are recent HCV Utilization Tool updates:

The glorious day is upon us! The 2023 as Year 1 Two-Year Tool is live! Hurray the TYT!

Now, of course, there are some caveats – notably there is a group of PHAs for which the 12/31/2022 reserves are still in a state of limbo. You will not be able to run TYTs for those PHAs quite yet (if you try, the Tool will stop you cold). It is recommended you take a gander at the [monthly summary for January 2023](#); it will shed light on all of the excitement here.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Examining the Connection between Housing Supply and Homelessness

Although many factors can precipitate individual episodes of homelessness, housing affordability, especially for low-income individuals and families, is inextricably intertwined with the prevalence of homelessness. On February 7, 2023, the Bipartisan Policy Center hosted a virtual panel discussion examining the effect of housing supply on homelessness.

[Click here for an article discussing the event](#)

