PHA User Guide

CY 2011 PHA HUD-52723 Excel Tool Operating Fund: Calculation of Operating Subsidy



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1. Introduction

The purpose of the 'PHA User Guide – CY 2011 PHA HUD-52723 Excel Tool' is to provide guidance and assistance in completing the Calendar Year (CY) 2011 PHA HUD-52723 Excel Tool (hereafter referred to as the "Excel Tool") to arrive at the final operating subsidy eligibility for a project.

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) may refer to Notice PIH 2011-16 for further instructions on operating subsidy calculation submissions in Calendar Year (CY) 2011.

The following data are pre-populated in the Excel Tool:

- PHA Identifier: Name and address of PHA; ACC Number; DUNS Number & ROFO Code
- Type of Submission, and Fiscal Year End.
- ACC Units on 7/1/2009 (Section 2)
- Unit Months categories (Section 2)
- PUM Project Expense Level (PEL Line A1)
- PEL Inflation Factor (Line A2)
- PUM Formula Income (Line B1)
- PUM Transition Funding (Line C2)

As mentioned above, for Calendar Year (CY) 2011 subsidy processing, Section-2 (Unit Status Categories) is pre-populated with ACC Units and Unit Months Data. In order to determine which unit months to pre-populate, the 2010 HUD-52723 unit months and PIC unit months are compared side by side. For the most part they should be similar. In cases where the variance between the two data sets exceeds 3% the 2010-HUD-52723 unit months are pre-populated. If there is a variance of more than 3% between the PIC data Total Unit Months and the reported Section 2 Line 15, Total Unit Months, Column A, then a comment is needed. For further explanation refer to the links below:

http://portal.hud.gov/huddoc/datadumpmemo-hud52723.pdf

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/am/o f/opfnd2011

Two checkboxes have been incorporated in the tool as shown in Figure 1, to indicate 'First of the Month' or 'Last of the Month' units. Currently, 'First of the Month' is checked as default. The user may change it to 'Last of Month' and enter appropriate data.

| | | | Sect | tion 2 | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Calc | ulation of ACC Unit | s for 12-month period from | July 1 to June | a 30 that is | prior to the first day of the | Funding Peri | od: |
| 0-0100 | | ACC Units on 7/1/2009 | Units Added to ACC | | Units Deleted from ACC (-) | ACC Units on 6/30/20 | |
| Requested by PHA 73 | | | | | 7 | 3 | |
| H | UD Modifications | | | | - | | 2.3 |
| Line | | Category | Colur Unit M | nn A onths | Column B Eligible Unit Months (EUMs) | Colu Resident P | mn C articipation tonths |
| -1425 | | | Regid by PHA | HUD Mod | Regid by PHA HUD Mod | Regid by PHA | HUD Mod. |
| Cate | gorization of Unit I | Months: | | | P First of Month | | |
| Occu | pied Unit Months | | | | Last of Month | | |
| 01 Occupied dwelling units by public housing | | 775 | 2.5 | 775 | 775 | | |

Figure 1: Checkboxes for '1st of Month' and 'Last of Month'

The following data fields are locked:

- Operating Fund Project Number
- Costs attributable to changes in federal law, regulation, or economy (Line A15)
- PUM Change in Utility Allowances (Line B2)
- Other (Line C3)

Data entry for Self-Sufficiency (Line A7) is available only to PHAs included in the EDSC list (posted on the web). Warnings and error messages flash whenever inappropriate data is entered in the data entry fields.

Note: PHAs must submit forms SF-424 and both HUD-52723 Operating Subsidy and companion HUD-52722 Utility Expense forms for each project in the same email. This is to insure that the both forms are simultaneously available for HUD Field Office review.

2. Obtaining the Excel Version of HUD-52723

Financial Management Division (FMD) made the Excel Tools available to all PHAs on the Asset Management website at the following link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/am/o f/opfnd2011

All Excel forms are in the Excel 2007 format and should be completed and returned in the same format. Any PHA that does not have Microsoft Excel 2007 installed on their machine and is working off an Older version of Microsoft Office i.e. MS Office 2003, a 60 day trial version of Microsoft Office 2010 may be downloaded from the following link:

http://www.microsoft.com/business/enus/products/office2010/default.aspx?=CR_CC&WT.srch=1&WT.srch=1&CR_SCC=200000271&fbid=H5gbX VwxnrB

PHAs having difficulty in downloading the forms should contact their local HUD field office immediately.

Given below are the steps to be followed for saving the required file:

1. The Excel Tools will be posted at State level as shown in Figure 2:

Figure 2: Excel Tools posted at State level

| State/Territory | Interim |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Alaska | <u>AK</u> |
| Alabama | AL |
| Arkansas | AR |

Create a folder 'HUD-52723 Excel Tool' on your desktop or any other safe location.

2. Click on the required state link. This will open a zipped file by State e.g. AK.zip. Double click this zipped file. It contains zipped file(s) using the naming convention of the 5-digit PHA code followed by a .zip extension e.g. AK001.zip as shown in Figure 3. The number of Excel files corresponds with the number of PHAs in that State.

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Figure 3: Zipped file by state containing zipped files by PHA

3. Right Click on your PHAs zipped file, choose the 'Extract' option and extract it to the folder created as per Step-1 as shown in Figure 4.

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4. Right click on the extracted zipped file and select the option 'Extract Here' as shown in Figure 5. This zipped file will contain Excel File(s) with the naming convention of PHA's operating fund project number, an 11-digit alpha numeric code e.g. AK001000213.xls. The number of Excel files corresponds with the number of PHA projects eligible for funding. All the extracted files from the zipped folder will be visible in this folder i.e. 'HUD-52723 Excel Tool'

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Figure 5: Extracting project level files from the files zipped by PHA-Part-2

Note: All Excel forms are in the Excel 2007 format. Return all completed forms in the same format.

3. Opening and Saving the File

Excel must have macros enabled for the PHA 52723 Excel Tool to work correctly. To enable macros, go to the ribbon to the top left of Excel and click on "Excel Options" as shown in Figure 6:

Figure 6: Ribbon and 'Excel Options' button in MS Excel 2007



Next, click on "Trust Center" on the left side of the menu as shown in Figure 7:

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Click the button "Trust Center Settings" as shown in Figure 8:



Figure 8: 'Trust Center Settings' button after clicking on 'Trust Center' button.

Once in the Trust Center window, click on "Macro Settings" as shown in Figure 9:

Figure 9: 'Macro Settings' button after clicking on 'Trust Center Settings' button.



Under "Macro Settings", select the radio button "Enable all macros" as shown in Figure 10, then click OK (If this option is already selected, simply click on OK and proceed with the PHA Excel Tool).

| Figure 10: | 'Enable all Macros' | button after | clicking on | 'Macro Settings' | button. |
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| Trusted Publishers | Macro Settings | |
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| Trusted Locations | For macros in documents not in a trusted location: | |
| Add-ins | Disable all macros without notification | |
| ActiveX Settings | Disable all macros with notification | |
| Macro Settings | Disable all macros except digitally signed macros | |
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Macros are now enabled and the PHA Excel Tool will work properly. It is important to return to the "Macro Settings" window and return to the original setting (usually "disable all macros with notification" to ensure the security of your computer) after you have completed the PHA Excel Tool.

4. Understanding the Excel Tool

The PHA 52723 Excel Tool is a replica of the paper form HUD-52723. However, the Excel form uses color-coding to guide users as shown in Figure 11. As a general reference, fields that are yellow can be edited. Fields that are orange are locked (i.e. not editable) and calculated by formulas, which HUD Field Offices review and approve. Cells that are black are not used and locked.



Figure 11: Color coding on the Excel Tool.

Note: To maintain the integrity of the PHA 52723 Excel Tool, many of the Excel menu options have been removed. This includes cutting, copying and pasting data.

5. Completing the Excel Tool

Note the following while completing the data in the Excel Tool.

1. **PHA Unit Count**. Enter the ACC units count in the yellow field as shown in Figure 12. This is the <u>PHA-wide unit count</u> and not the Project unit count. The value entered here determines the eligibility for Asset Management Fee on Line A12.

Figure 12: PHA – wide Total ACC unit count

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| | Enter Total Number of ACC Units for this PHA > > 748 |
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- 2. **Utilities Expense Level (UEL)**. PUM UEL, Line A05, comes from the 2011 form HUD-52722, Line 26. For CY 2011, a new HUD-52722 tool is provided in order to calculate the UEL amount.
- 3. **PILOT**: The PILOT add-on is based on the following line items from the Low Rent Public Housing column of the project's most recent approved audited FASS-PH Financial Data Schedule (FDS) submission:
 - 70300 Net Tenant Rental Revenue
 - 93100 Water
 - 93200 Electricity
 - 93300 Gas
 - 93400 Fuel
 - 93600 Sewer
 - 93800 Other Utilities

The add-on is calculated by subtracting lines 93100 through 93800 from line 70300 and multiplying the result by 10%. The calculated amount is posted to the Asset Management website. A higher amount for new projects may be requested based on proof of payment. Amounts based on estimated PILOT costs cannot be used.

- 4. Audit Cost: The audit cost add-on is based on the PHA's most recent approved audited FASS-PH FDS submission (FDS Line 91200), Low-Rent Public Housing column, which is posted to the Asset Management website. A higher amount for new projects may be requested based on proof of payment. Amounts based on estimated audit costs cannot be used.
- 5. Asset Management Fee: For CY 2011, the PHAs <u>MUST</u> select the "Eligible for an Asset Management fee" checkbox under Section 3, Line 12, in order to claim asset management fee. Two new certifications have replaced the earlier asset management certification in section 5.

Given below are the new certifications which are included as the second and third certifications on the Excel Tool in Section 5:

- In accordance with § 223 of Title II of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, Pub. L. 111-117 (approved December 16, 2009) and subsequent acts containing the same provisions, I hereby certify that _____ has 400 or fewer units and is implementing asset management.
- In accordance with 24 CFR 990.255 through 990.285 of Subpart H Asset Management, I hereby certify that _____ has 250 units or more and is in compliance with asset management. I understand in accordance with 24 CFR 990.190(f), PHAs that are not in compliance with asset management will forfeit the asset management fee.

In the Excel Tool, PHAs should ensure that they check the appropriate certification(s) based on the following guidelines:

- If the PHA has more than 400 units, and is in compliance with asset management, certification 3 should be checked. PHAs with more than 400 units will receive \$4 PUM
- If the PHA has between 250 and 400 units, and is in compliance with asset management, certifications 2 and 3 should be checked. PHAs with units between 250 and 400 will receive \$4 PUM.
- If PHA has less than 250 units, and is in compliance with asset management, certification 2 should be checked. PHAs with less than 250 units will receive \$2 PUM
- If PHA has less than 400 units, and is <u>not</u> in compliance with asset management, certifications 2 or 3 need not to be checked. PHAs with less than 400 units and not in compliance with asset management will receive \$0 PUM.

Note: PHAs with one AMP are not eligible for an asset management fee as explained in PIH 2011-16, "Public Housing Operating Subsidy Calculations for CY 2011" under Asset Management Fee section page 5. Although the form will calculate an amount for PHAs with one AMP, the amount will be removed during final eligibility review.

If the appropriate certification(s) are not checked, the tool will not close.

- 6. Transition Funding. For decliners, the transition funding is 19 % of their PUM decline.
- 7. **Stop-loss**. For PHAs with approved Stop-Loss applications for Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4, transition funding amount is 76%, 57% and 38% respectively of their PUM decline.

8. **Formula Income.** For CY 2011, PUM Formula Income is pre-populated and is calculated pursuant to 'Explanation and Guidance related to Formula Income for CY 2011 ' guidance posted on the web at the following link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/a m/of/opfnd2011.

The financial data for calculating PUM Formula Income is derived from PHAs' financial data schedules (FDS) for FYEs 3/31/2010, 6/30/2010, 9/30/2010 and 12/31/2010.

6. Sending Excel Tools to Field Offices

Once the data entry is complete, save changes to your Excel file. Now zip these files into one zip file. The zip must be saved using the following naming convention:

PHA Code + 2011Form + .zip e.g. AK0012011Form.zip

Email this zipped file as an attachment to your field office. Please include the following in the subject line of your e-mail:

PHA Code + Completed 2011 HUD-52723 Excel Tool

NOTE: PHAs will submit both the HUD-52723 Operating Subsidy and companion HUD-52722 Utility Expense forms for each project in the same email. This is to insure that the both forms are simultaneously available for HUD Field Office review.

7. Validation Checks

The Excel Tool uses a number of validation checks in the form of pop-up messages to ensure PHA enters valid data into cells. Table 2 lists all of the line numbers where pop-up messages on the Excel Tool may be encountered and the respective validation checks.

In order for a PHA to eliminate the error message and complete the form accurately, the cell data must be changed to meet the requirements listed in Table 2.

| Line Item | Name | Required Format | Message Type | Validation Check |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Above Section 2 | PHA wide ACC Units | Whole number | Warning | Units must be a whole number and greater than 0 and must equal the total of all ACC units for all projects in that PHA. |
| Section 2. | | | | |
| Units | On 7/1/2009 | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |

Table 1: 2011 PHA HUD-52723 Excel Tool Line Items and Validation Checks

| Line Item | Name | Required | Message | Validation Check |
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| Lipite | Units Added to ACC | Whole | Warning | Unite must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else |
| Units | Units Added to ACC | number | warning | the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Units | Units Deleted from ACC | Whole number | Warning | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Units | Units on 6/30/2010 | Whole number | Warning | Units on 6/30 cannot be negative. The warning will continue to appear every time an entry is made this point forward, till this is corrected. |
| Lines 01 | Occupied Dwelling Units | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. Variation should not be greater than 10%. PHA will need to follow the guidance posted on the Asset Management website that provides for a 3% variance as the threshold percentage requiring a comment. |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, |
| | | | | the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Lines 02 | Occupied Dwelling Units – by Police etc. | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Lines 03 | New Units | Whole number | Warning | Unit months must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0. |
| Lines 04 | New Units (10/1 to 12/31) | Whole number | Warning | Unit months must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0. |
| Lines 05 | Units undergoing modernization | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |
| | - | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Line 06 | Special Use Units | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Special Use Units are limited to 2 per 100 ACC units for entire PHA |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Line 06a | Police Special Use Units | Whole number | Warning | Police Special Use Units (Line 06a) should not exceed Occupied Dwelling Units (Line 02). |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Lines 07-09 | Vacant Unit Months | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |
| 11 40 | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Line 10 | Units vacant due to changing market conditions | vvhole number | Warning | Unit Data is pre-populated. PHA should have an approved appeal or should have requested an appeal. |
| Lines 44 | | | 10/0 | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Lines 11 | categorized above. | number | vvarning | warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |
| | | 14/1 1 | 14/ | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. |
| Lines 12 | Units eligible for Asset Repositioning Fee. | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. |

| Line Item | Name | Required Format | Message Type | Validation Check | | |
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| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. | | |
| Lines 13 | All other ACC units not categorized above. | Whole number | Warning | Unit data is pre-populated. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. | | |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. | | |
| Lines 17 | Units included on line 01 but removed from Lines 01-11 | Whole number | Warning | Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. | | |
| | | | | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. | | |
| Section 3. | | | | | | |
| A. 05 | PUM Utility Expense Level | 2 Decimals | Warning | An explanation is required if entered UEL is greater than \$300 or greater than +/- 15% of the 2010 UEL. | | |
| A. 07 | Self-Sufficiency, | Whole number | Restricted Entry | Entry allowed only to PHAs on EDSC List (to be posted on the web). | | |
| A. 08-10 | Energy Loan Amortization, PILOT, Cost of independent audit | Whole number | Warning | Units must be a whole number and greater than or equal to 0, or else, the tool will not allow the user to proceed. | | |
| A. 14 | Asset repositioning fee | Whole number | Warning | Amount not to be entered if there are no units on Section 2, Line 12. | | |
| B, 01 | PUM Formula Income | Pre- populated | Warning | Data is pre-populated and the field is editable. Any changes in data will result in a warning message that will prompt the user to enter a comment in Section 4. | | |
| C. 01 | Moving-To-Work | Whole number | Warning | Entry is allowed only for MTW PHAs with alternative subsidy calculation. | | |

8. Tips for Successful Submission of Excel Tool

HUD is aware of the following common issues regarding the HUD-PHA 52723 Excel Tool:

Issue 1: Formulas such as limited vacancies (Section 2, Line 14) or Asset Management Fee (Section 3, Line A12) show 0.

Solution 1: The user has likely not completed the ACC unit roll forward (units on 7/1, added units, deleted units) which is immediately below the Section 2 heading and/or Total ACC Units. User should complete the missing data.

Issue 2: The user is asked for a password to open the Excel Tool.

Solution 2: This message is an indicator that the Excel security settings are set too high. In this case, the Excel security settings need to be changed temporarily. In order to change the Macro Security Settings follow the steps listed in Section 3 of this user guide.

9. Technical Assistance

For problems or questions believed to be a common Excel program question, please first attempt to resolve these problems locally or using the Microsoft Excel help function.

For problems with the Excel Tool, the local Field Office should be contacted with an explanation of the problem.

10. Form SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance

This form is required as part of the government-wide *e-grants* management initiative. PHAs should make certain that the DUNS number reported on the form is correct. For operating subsidy application purposes, entries for the following required lines on the form may be filled out as follows:

- Line 5b (Federal Award Identifier): Enter PHA Code (first 5 digits of the Operating Fund Project Number from Section 1, Box 6, of the form HUD-52723)
- Line 12 (Funding Opportunity Number): Enter 9999
- Line 13 (Competition Identification Number): Enter 9999

The SF-424 must be signed in accordance with the form instructions for Line 21, Authorized **Representative**: (Required) to be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Only one SF-424 is required to be submitted for each PHA regardless of how many projects it has.