



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Executive Director:

SUBJECT: 2015 Mainstream 5 Year Program Renewal Awards

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, (the Act) (P.L. 113-235), signed by the President on December 16, 2014 provides the 2015 Appropriations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including appropriations for renewals of Mainstream 5 Year (MS5) programs. The purpose of this letter is to advise public housing agencies (PHAs) of important information regarding the MS5 program renewal allocations.

The calendar year (CY) 2015 renewal funding for your MS5 program, similar to CY 2014, will be based on actual, eligible MS5 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) expenses incurred during CY 2014, and as reported by your PHA in the Voucher Management System (VMS). In order for HUD to allocate funds promptly now that appropriations are enacted, PHAs are advised that **the deadline for submitting all CY 2014 VMS data and revisions for the MS5 program for purposes of funding allocations will be January 22, 2015, the due date for the December 2014 submissions.** Please provide this notification to your staff members or representative(s) accountable for MS5 VMS reporting.

PHAs should be aware that changes to prior months' data may require the HUD Financial Analyst to review data that fail hard edits in VMS; therefore, HUD recommends that PHAs start reporting changes immediately to ensure that all MS5 actual expenses in CY 2014 are accurately reflected in VMS. Please note that some PHAs have reported problems when they attempt to submit prior month corrections (PMC) to the Voucher Management System. This may be due to compatibility problems between browsers. As a reminder, users are advised to use only Internet Explorer when accessing HUD Systems to input data. Additionally, attached are detailed instructions to resolve compatibility problems for both Internet Explorer 10 and Internet Explorer 11.

If you should have any questions, please contact your assigned Financial Analyst (FA) at the Financial Management Center (FMC).

Sincerely,

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Programs

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