HUD Provides a POST for PHAs to Lean On

HUD has launched the Public and Indian Housing One-Stop Tool (POST) for PHAs, as part of HUD’s Delivering Together initiative. POST is a website that enables housing authorities to quickly access PIH systems, tools, program requirements, and much more. The POST homepage organizes information into eight categories that PHAs have indicated are the resources they most often search for on the HUD website. They are: (1) Public Housing; (2) Housing Choice Voucher; (3) Grants; (4) Other Programs; (5) Systems; (6) Tools; (7) Laws and Policies; and (8) Directories. Another exciting feature of POST for PHAs is the PIH A-Z Index, an exhaustive alphabetical list of information relevant to PHA programs. Additionally, HUD has several new features under development that will make useful web content even more accessible, including a Calendar of Due Dates for PHAs, an email box for PHAs to suggest improvements to POST, and a list of PIH Forms. Rather than spend considerable time searching for information and resources, PHAs will now be able to access all the material they need on POST for PHAs. To learn more visit POST at [http://1.usa.gov/uu3yNS](http://1.usa.gov/uu3yNS).

PIH Notices

PIH 2011-58, “Extension – Certification of accuracy of data in the Inventory Management/Public Housing Information Center System used to calculate the capital Fund formula allocation” issued October 24, 2011. This notice extends notice PIH 2010-42, same subject, and remains in effect until amended, superseded or rescinded. Each year the Department allocates Capital Fund grants to PHAs under the Capital Fund Program that is authorized by Section 9(d) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The Department uses a formula to calculate the funding amount for each Capital Fund grant for each PHA. The formula is codified at 24 CFR 905.10. The Department bases its formula calculation extensively on data submitted to HUD by PHAs in the IMS/PIC system. This Notice advises executive directors of PHAs that the Department is requiring them (or an authorized subordinate staff person) to certify to the accuracy of the data PHAs have submitted to HUD in the Inventory Management System/Public Housing Information Center (IMS/PIC) system that the Department will use to calculate the formula for allocating Capital Fund grants.

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PIH 2011-59, “Reporting of Administrative Fee Reserves” issued October 27, 2011. This Notice reissues, with a few minor additions, PIH Notice 2010-7 (HA), provides specific guidance to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) on the use of the Administrative Fee Reserves and reiterates guidance on PHA cash management and approved investment instruments. Further, this Notice provides guidance on the reporting of Administrative Fee Reserves and use when faced with insufficient funding. This Notice responds to recommendations by the Office of the Inspector General to implement controls and requires reconciliation of administrative fee reserves. This Notice does not apply to PHA’s approved for fungibility under a Moving to Work (MTW) agreement or under an agreement for Section 901 Disaster Assistance.

PIH 2011-60, “Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirement” issued October 28, 2011. This notice requires public housing agencies (PHAs), their affiliates, instrumentalities, contract management and owner entities receiving HUD funding to obtain Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). PHAs must comply with the provisions of this Notice if they are recipients of HUD funding for PHA owned projects and/or are recipients of HUD funding pursuant to an annual contributions contract to administer any of the following programs: Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers (including the project-based certificate and voucher programs), the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation program, and the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program PHAs receiving federal financial assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) or seeking funds under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) have already satisfied the requirement to obtain a DUNS number. Once a DUNS number is obtained, the CCR registering remains an annual requirement.

PIH 2011-61, “Extension—Guidance on requirement for PHAs to record current Declaration of Trusts (DOTs) against all public housing property and guidance on adding and removing public housing units and other property from the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC)” issued November 1, 2011. This notice indefinitely extends PIH 2009-28, same subject, previously extended for one year by PIH 2010-44. The notice provides guidance to PHAs on DOT requirements.

PIH 2011-62, “Extension of Cost-Test and Market Analyses Guidelines for the Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing Units Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 972” issued November 2, 2011. This notice indefinitely extends PIH 2008-35, same subject, previously extended for one-year periods by PIH 2009-42 and PIH 2010-48. The notice provides guidance to PHAs on preparing the market analyses for public housing property proposed for voluntary conversion to tenant-based assistance under 24 C.F.R. § 972.218(b). The market analysis evaluates recapitalization options, including how rehabilitation and the proposed future use of the property as public, assisted or market-rate may affect values.

HUD’s PIH Notices can be viewed online at:

Upcoming Events

NeighborWorks Training Institute
December 12-16, 2011
Washington, DC
http://www.nw.org/network/training/upcoming/DCTrainingInstitute.asp