

The Tenant Resource Network Program Overview:

The purpose of the Tenant Resource Network (TRN) is to award grants to qualified applicant organizations to assist, inform, educate and engage tenants of eligible Section 8-assisted properties regarding their rights, responsibilities and options. Eligible properties are those at risk of losing affordability protections or project-based rental assistance (PBRA). To be eligible for TRN activity, properties must have expiring Section 8 HAP contracts and be experiencing one or more of these triggering events:

An FHA insured or Direct mortgage maturity date that falls within the 24 month period following the date of publication of this notice.

Receipt by HUD of an owner election to Opt-out, as evidenced by receipt of an Owner Election Form selecting "Option 6: Opt Out," within the 12 month period prior to publication of this notice.

A notice of prepayment filed by the owner within the 12 month period prior to publication of this notice.

The receipt of two consecutive REAC scores below 60 (where the Section 8 PBRA contract is not yet under abatement), with the most recent score issued within the 12 month period prior to the publication of the NOFA.

TRN is developed under the authority of Section 514 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA). The program aims to engage tenants in efforts to preserve eligible properties as affordable housing, and to provide tenants with information on their rights and responsibilities based on 24 CFR, Part 245 and guidance in HUD Handbook 4381.5.

A total of \$10 million dollars has been appropriated from the Department's Fiscal Year 2010 PBRA account to make grants available for tenant outreach activities. The funds will be awarded through a competitive FY 2011 NOFA to private nonprofit organizations that satisfy eligibility criteria and demonstrate capacity to develop and administer tenant outreach activities to meet the stated goals of the program.

The Tenant Resource Network Program (FR-5500-N-31) was posted on Grants.gov on October 17, 2011 and a Technical Correction was made on December 4, 2011 and then again on January 3, 2012. The due date was February 2, 2011. The NOFA and corrections can be found on the HUD.gov NOFA archives at <http://archives.hud.gov/funding/2011/grptrn.cfm>

Status as of August 1, 2012:

HUD received 25 unique applications for the program. 15 organizations were selected for award in June of 2012.

HUD is awarding grants to the following nonprofit tenant assistance organizations:

State	Grantee	Grant Amount
California	LA Center for Affordable Tenant Housing	\$720,000
Connecticut	Connecticut Public Housing Resident Network	\$100,000
Georgia	Atlanta Legal Aid	\$360,000
Illinois	Metropolitan Tenant's Organization	\$600,000
Maryland	Housing Counseling Services	\$300,000
Massachusetts	Boston Affordable Housing Coalition	\$300,000
Michigan	United Community Housing	\$480,000
Minnesota	Home Line	\$300,000
New York	NY Tenants and Neighbors	\$200,000
Ohio	Coalition on Homeless and Housing in Ohio	\$300,000
Pennsylvania	Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania	\$200,000
Rhode Island	Statewide/ Housing Action Coalition	\$200,000
Texas	Texas Tenant's Union	\$350,238
Virginia	North Carolina Housing Coalition	\$300,000
Washington	Tenant's Union of Washington State	\$200,000
	TOTAL	\$4,910,238

HUD headquarters hosted a kickoff training for grantees on June 22, 2012.

Upcoming events or training:

HUD headquarters will host monthly calls with grantees and Regional Field Coordinators.

Point of Contact:

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