

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Set-Aside Funding for Additional Leasing

The fiscal year (FY) 2011 appropriations for the Department provide a set-aside of \$150 million (reduced via rescission to \$149,700,000) of HAP funds for additional renewal funding to be provided to public housing agencies (PHA) under certain circumstances. The details are explained in PIH Notice 2011-27. One of the categories in this set-aside provides additional funding for PHAs who experienced an increase in voucher utilization/leasing during the final quarter or the final month of calendar year (CY) 2010, because this increased leasing is not captured in the costs for the re-benchmarking period, which ended on September 30, 2010. The Department has completed preliminary calculations of additional leasing that may result in PHA eligibility for funding under this category. The list that accompanies this narrative identifies those PHAs that are apparently eligible. The calculations were based on the validated Voucher Management System (VMS) data used for CY 2011 funding allocations and the latest validated VMS data for the months of October through December.

PHAs may be guided by the list of apparently eligible PHAs, but should not consider it as absolute. Any PHA may request consideration for this funding, whether on the apparently eligible list or not. Any PHA requesting consideration must submit an application in accordance with the requirements of PIH Notice 2011-27, to be received at the stated location by June 23, 2011. Attachment A of the Notice must be completed, signed and submitted; no other documentation should be provided. As stated in the Notice, the Department may establish a threshold of additional leasing a PHA may be expected to cover via attrition and cost savings, and may consider a PHA's level of Net Restricted Assets to assess need for the additional funding, in addition to eligibility, in determining set-aside awards. Also, all awards are subject to pro-ration if eligible set-aside requests exceed funds available.