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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards Over \$118 Million to Local Homeless Programs

In a [press release](#) Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded over \$118 million in grants to support local homeless assistance programs across the country. The awards, provided under the Continuum of Care ([CoC](#)) grant funding, will provide support to approximately 630 local programs that serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. A list of awards by state is included in the press release. To view a complete list of all the state and local homeless projects awarded funding, click [here](#). Earlier this year, HUD [announced](#) \$2.2 billion in grants to support thousands of local programs under CoC.

HUD Posts New Infectious Disease Material for Homeless Assistance Providers

Friday on [HUD Exchange](#), HUD [announced](#) that it has posted the following technical assistance resource to the [HUD Exchange Disease Risks and Homelessness webpage](#):

- [Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response](#)

As the announcement states, families and individuals experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable to infectious diseases due to the lack of access to primary care, mobility, and poor health status form extended episodes of homelessness. HUD is strongly encouraging Continuums of Care ([CoCs](#)) to contact local public health departments, Healthcare for the Homeless agencies, and other local health partners to ensure needs are met and to take steps now to develop preparedness and response plans to protect against infection.

HUD is also available to provide technical assistance to homeless assistance providers in need to support in preventing or responding to the spread of infectious disease. Questions may be submitted to the Ask a Question ([AAQ](#)) portal. Further details on how to do so can be found in the [announcement](#).

HUD Post Additional Guidance on Covid-19

Also on Friday, HUD posted additional guidance on Covid-19 (coronavirus) on its [Covid-19 Information and Resources webpage](#). The new materials include:

- A [letter from the Office of Public and Indian Housing and the Office of Multifamily Housing](#), where HUD confirms that the Real Estate Assessment Center ([REAC](#)) inspections have been postponed until further notice.
- [COVID-19 FAQs for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher \(including PBV\), and Native American Programs](#), an eight-page document with questions and answers on how PHAs should operate during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Department encourages people to be proactive and refer to official government channels of information, including state, local, or Tribal health departments. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) continues to provide updates and insight from medical professionals. Click [here](#) for the latest updates, including guidance for communities and businesses that is also relevant to housing providers.



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