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PIH Posts Explanation of May and June Obligations and Provides Information on the Supplemental Appropriation for COVID-19 Operating Funds

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has [posted](#) a [document](#) explaining public housing operating fund obligations for May and June 2020. According to the document, May and June obligations are based on the interim eligibility determined after processing the 2020 operating subsidy forms. All operating subsidy obligations are cumulative, meaning that public housing projects are provided funding in the amount of sixth twelfths of prorated eligibility. As such, to the extent that excess amounts were cumulatively obligated to a project previously, its current obligation will reflect a relative decrease. To the extent that insufficient amounts were cumulatively obligated to a project previously, its current obligation will reflect a relative increase. For May and June funding, the Department considered 2020 interim eligibility to provide for an interim proration level of approximately 96.64%. HUD plans to make this round of funding available through eLOCCS no later than May 1, 2020. The next round of funding is expected to be available in eLOCCS by July 1, 2020.

The document also provides information on the supplemental appropriation for COVID-19 operating funds. Under the operating fund regulation [24 CFR 990.210](#), “... HUD shall establish thresholds that permit PHAs to request monthly installments. Requests by PHAs that exceed these thresholds will be subject to HUD review. HUD approvals of requests that exceed these thresholds are limited to PHAs that have an unanticipated and immediate need for disbursement...” As provided in the regulation, PHAs may request overrides of operating fund monthly disbursement thresholds to have early and/or full release of the May/June obligations for COVID-19 needs. PHA requests should be sent to their respective HUD field office with a brief description of the COVID-19 need. Congress provided a supplemental appropriation for coronavirus impacts with an additional \$685 million for operating fund obligations. This is the equivalent to approximately two months funding. The Department is working on obligating those funds to be available for PHAs in early May.



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