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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

HUD Awards \$130 Million in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it is awarding \$130 million to four communities across the country to redevelop severely distressed public housing and to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods under the [Choice Neighborhoods](#) initiative. The implementation grants are being awarded to city and housing authority partnerships in Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Winston-Salem, and Philadelphia. The four awardees will create 3,641 new mixed-income units as part of an overall effort to revitalize neighborhoods. Three of the awarded communities are also designated Opportunity Zones, attracting further federal investments.

A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the [press release](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts COVID-19 Waiver Summary Chart

Yesterday on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, HUD posted a new document titled [PH HCV and Native Programs COVID-19 Waiver Summary Chart](#). The 17-page document shows example charts for tracking public housing and Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) [CARES](#) Act waivers and alternative requirements authorized under Notice [PIH 2020-05](#) and the availability period for each. As the document states, the charts are for reference only and no information is being collected.

HUD Archives Webcasts for Viewing on Demand

This week on the [HUD Exchange Channel](#) at [YouTube](#), HUD archived the following webcasts for viewing on demand:

- [CoC Program Expedited COVID-19 Grant Agreement Amendments Tutorial](#)
- [COVID-19 Planning and Response for Homeless Assistance Providers Office Hours: April 17, 2020](#)
- [2020 ConnectHomeUSA - Resources for Staying Connected During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [HOPWA Program COVID-19 Update: CARES Act and Waiver Flexibilities](#)

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts New Materials to the HCV Landlord Resources Webpage

HUD has recently added new materials to its [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage:

- [Flowchart of HCV Lease Up Process for Landlords](#)
- [Education and Outreach Chapter](#) of the [HCV Landlord Strategies Guidebook for PHAs](#)
- [Form descriptions](#)

According to the webpage, the recording and presentation materials for the "Education and Outreach Strategies for Landlord Participation" webinar will be added soon. This session, held on April 22, 2020, discussed education and outreach strategies that PHAs can implement to recruit new HCV landlords and retain current ones. It also featured PHAs who are currently implementing variations of these strategies in their communities.



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