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HUD Publishes COVID-19 Toolkit

Today on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) posted a COVID-19 toolkit, which includes several documents for stakeholders to help guide decisions on their response to COVID-19. The newly posted resources include:

- [COVID-19 Quick Guide](#): a nine-page document that provides PHAs with considerations as they develop strategies to address the impact of the pandemic on their staff, residents, communities, and stakeholders.
- [COVID-19 Interaction Playbook for Housing Partners](#): an eight-slide guidance that seeks to create a safer environment through social distancing and to ensure the safe distribution of goods and services to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate the health risks on staff, residents, service providers, and landlords.
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Housing Partners](#): a one-page document to assist in the safe distribution of goods and services and to uplift safe visiting practices.
- [Coronavirus Prevention Flyer](#): a one-page handout created as a resource for HUD residents.
- [PHA Disaster Readiness and Preparation Guide](#): a 28-page document that HUD issued in 2016 to serve as a list of vital issues that PHAs should consider when formulating disaster/emergency preparation plans for them.

HUD Posts PBVs and Repositioning FAQs, Updates TPV Repositioning FAQs

Yesterday on the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) page at HUD's website, the PIH Office posted a document titled [Project-Based Vouchers \(PBVs\) and Public Housing Repositioning FAQs](#). The 15-page guide addresses 39 frequently asked questions (FAQs) pertaining to project-basing as a repositioning tool. The document will be updated periodically as additional questions are asked and addressed.

HUD has also posted an updated [TPV Repositioning FAQs](#) document on its [Tenant Protection Vouchers \(TPVs\) page](#). The 13-page guidance, dated June 9, 2020, includes 20 FAQs, and it will be updated periodically to incorporate additional questions or to revise existing ones as needed. Updated questions are flagged as such in this new version.

Hud Issues Second Allocation of ESG CARES Funding

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the allocation of \$2.96 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants ([ESG](#)) funding to support homeless Americans and individuals at risk of becoming homeless because of hardships such as job loss, wage reduction, or illness due to COVID-19. This funding is in addition to the \$1 billion of ESG grants announced a week after President Trump signed the CARES Act. Click [here](#) to view state and territory funding allocations.

The \$2.96 billion in funding can be used to:

- Make more emergency shelters available for homeless individuals and families.
- Operate emergency shelters by providing food, rent, security, maintenance, repair, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, furnishings, and supplies necessary for their operation.
- Provide Hotel/Motel Vouchers for homeless families and individuals.
- Provide essential services to people experiencing homelessness including childcare, education services, employment assistance, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and transportation.
- Prevent individuals from becoming homeless and rapidly rehouse homeless individuals.

HUD Marks National Homeownership Month

In a [press release](#) Monday, HUD announced that the Trump administration has [proclaimed](#) June as [National Homeownership Month](#), a time of year when HUD, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and others recognize the importance of homeownership and its impact upon the lives of American families, local neighborhoods, and the national economy. During the coronavirus pandemic, millions of Americans are seeking assistance to achieve or sustain homeownership as the foundation to the health and well-being of their families. *"Each June we commemorate the importance of homeownership. During the coronavirus outbreak, among our highest priorities at HUD has been to keep people secure in their homes. Representing more than 15 percent of gross domestic product, housing is critical to our economy, valuable to American families, and the bedrock of HUD's mission. For most American families, their home is both their largest investment and biggest expense, and serves as the cornerstone of health and security, particularly during this challenging time,"* said HUD Secretary Ben Carson.



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