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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts ESDC Guidance and Excel List

Today on the [CY 2020 subsidy processing webpage](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) posted a [guidance document](#) for the calendar year (CY) 2020 Elderly/Disabled Services Coordinator (EDSC) program. The document is careful to note that the EDSC program is not the same as the former ROSS-Elderly and Persons with Disabilities program or the current ROSS-Service Coordinators program—only PHAs that received funding in 1995 through the EDSC program are eligible to receive operating subsidy to fund this activity. Eligible PHAs may obtain their CY 2020 EDSC funding level by multiplying their total CY 2019 EDSC funding level by the CY 2020 PEL inflation factor and making a reasonable allocation to the project level at the discretion of the PHA. The CY 2020 [EDSC listing by PHA](#) was also posted today. Further details can be found in the [guidance document](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Familial Status Discrimination Suit against CA Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) posted late yesterday, HUD announced that it has settled a familial status discrimination complaint against the owners and managers of a California rental property. The housing providers allegedly violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) by refusing to rent to families with children and by imposing different occupancy terms and conditions on them. The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing providers from denying or limiting housing to families with children.

The case came to HUD's attention when a HUD Fair Housing Initiatives Program agency filed a complaint based on their fair housing tests. The agency alleged that the tests showed the property owners and two property managers refused to rent to families with children and/or offered them different lease terms and conditions. The owners and managers also allegedly implemented an unreasonably restrictive two-person-per-bedroom policy at two rental properties.

The owners and managers deny any discrimination but agreed to resolve the matter through the [conciliation agreement](#). Under the terms of the agreement, the owners and manager will pay \$10,000 to the agency, abolish any two-person-per-bedroom policy, remove language regarding that policy from advertising and marketing materials, and have property managers and staff that interact with applicants and tenants attend fair housing training.

HUD Publishes Corrections to January CDBG-DR Allocations, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD published a [correction](#) for the January 27 [notice](#) allocating Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery ([CDBG–DR](#)) funds and publishing clarifications regarding waivers and alternative requirements that had been included in prior notices. The two corrections listed today are as follows:

- On page 4683, in Table 1, in the fifth column entitled “Unmet needs allocation under Public Law 116-20,” on the 11th line, the entry that reads “14,355,000” should read “15,355,000.”
- On the same page, in the same table, in the sixth column entitled “Total allocation for unmet needs,” on the 11th line, the entry that reads, “13,355,000” should read “15,355,000.”



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