AHARA Spring Workshop

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Fiscal Year 2023 Accomplishments

Your hard work took us to the top of the stairs!
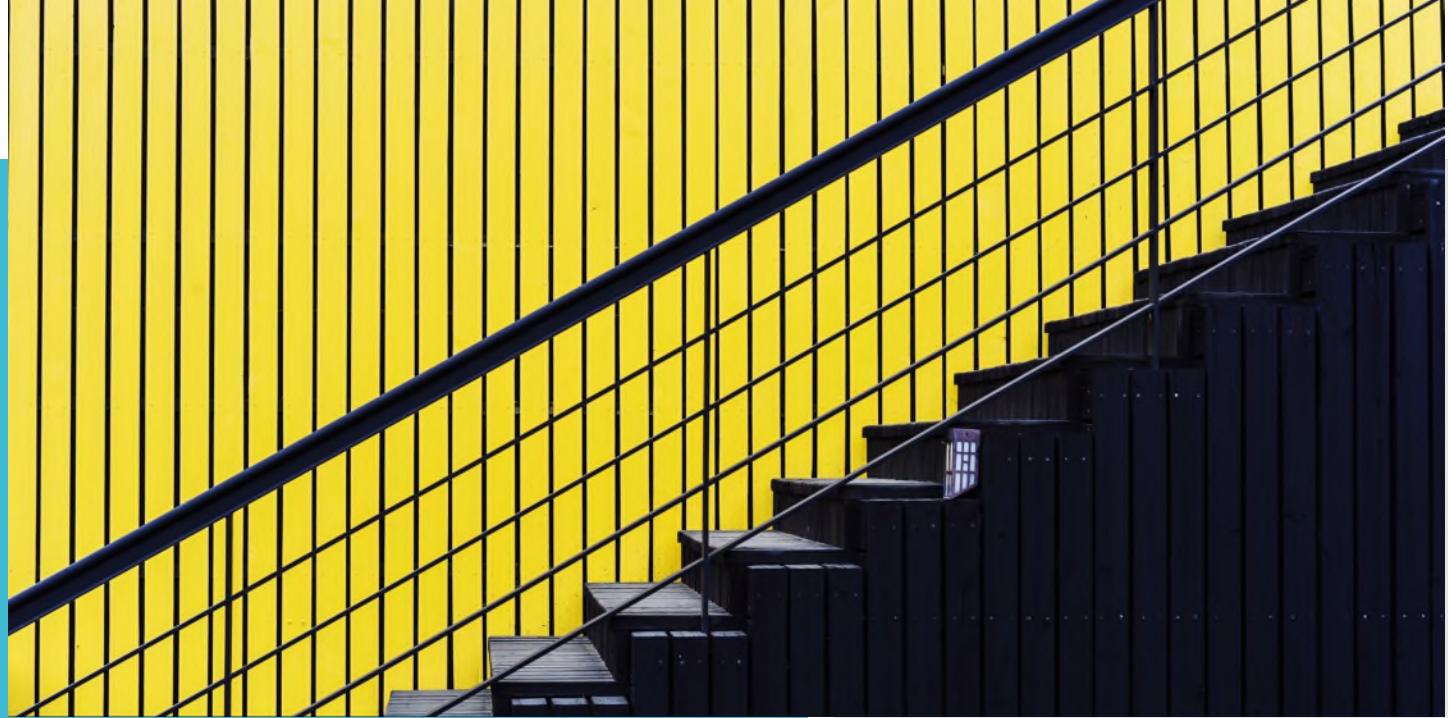
Public Housing Occupancy

The goal was to reach 95.5% occupancy.

With the PHA's hard work our office reached 96.7%!

Great big thank you to the staff of Mobile Housing Authority. Mobile started with a 56% occupancy rate. They ended the year with a 96.3%

Housing Choice Voucher Utilization

Housing Authority hard work paid off!

The goal was to reach 100% of HCV Annual Budget Authority

Alabama completed the year at 100.39%

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Special Purpose Voucher Highlight

- FUP
  - 13 PHAs received 625 vouchers for $10M under the FY22 NOFO
  - If additional funds are appropriated in FY24 a new NOFO will be published. Senate Bill has $5M for FUP and $25M for FYI (non-competitive

- FYI
  - FY2024 NOFO ($12.7M) planned for Spring 2024 publication
  - FYI Noncompetitive funding ($21M) still available under PIH Notice 2023-04

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Special Purpose Voucher Highlight

Using YHDP with Foster Youth to Independence and Family Unification Program Vouchers Webinar –

This webinar focuses on integrating (FYI) and (FUP) vouchers within Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) projects. Learn how these vouchers can be utilized effectively as a pathway to housing stability for young adults.

Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Housing Convenings.
These convenings aim to address critical issues in youth homelessness and improve the use of the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative.

Confirmed Dates/Locations:
- Miami, FL: September 17-18, Region 4

The Green and Resilient Retrofit Program ("GRRP")

- The Green and Resilient Retrofit Program ("GRRP") provides loan or grant funding to support projects that reduce carbon emissions; improve utility efficiency; implement the use of renewable energy generation; enhance indoor air quality; or improve the climate resilience of eligible HUD-assisted **multifamily properties**. •Next

- Submission Deadline **07/31/2024**

- **Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- **GRRP Frequently Asked Questions | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

EMBRACE CHANGE

- [National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE)](#)
- [Housing Information Portal (HIP)](#)
- [HOTMA](#)

Resident Council Training
April 26, 2024 - Birmingham

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Help equip Public Housing Residents with the knowledge, skills, tools, and capacity to successfully implement resident/tenant participation as required by 24 CFR 964.16.

Register Here!

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Develop knowledge and skills to initiate, strengthen, and/or sustain the capacity of their Resident Councils
- Develop knowledge, skills, and networking connections to build and sustain effective regional coalitions of public housing residents
- Learn how to become more effective advocates through partnerships with their public housing agencies (PHAs) and other community organizations

If you're interested in participating, please take a moment to complete the registration form here.

VISION/FOCUS
WHY?

- HUD's **vision** is to improve lives and strengthen communities to deliver on America's dreams.

- *If you could make one extraordinary contribution over the next one to five years in the housing market, what would you want it to be?*

HUD SESSIONS

- Fair Housing
- Comprehensive Compliance Monitoring Reviews
- Procurement
- Reentry Panel

FY 2024 Priority Goals

- House More Families: Public Housing Occupancy
- Improve PHA Performance:
  - Physical Conditions
  - Troubled and Substandard Designations
  - Financial Conditions
- House More Families: Housing Choice Vouchers Utilization
- Project Based Vouchers

Public Housing Occupancy

PRIORITY GOAL

One of HUD's priorities is to maximize the reach of HUD's rental assistance programs by increasing the occupancy of public housing units.

The current national occupancy rate is 94.7%. Our goal is to increase occupancy to 96% by **September 30, 2024**.

Please take advantage of occupancy resources for PHAs, such as the [PHA Occupancy Webinar Series](#)
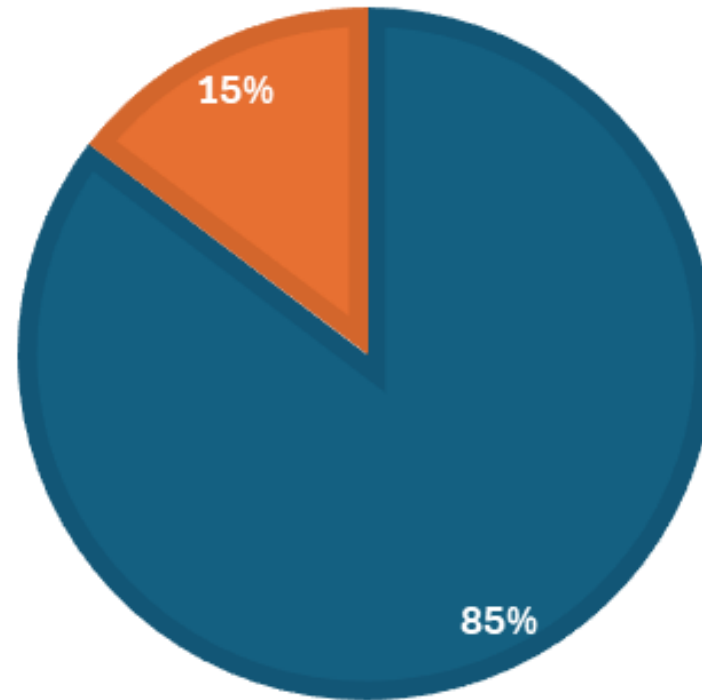
Current MASS Occupancy
97.25%
#1 in Southeast Network

Physical Conditions

PRIORITY GOAL

- Lower FY24 inspection failure rate
- Ensure PHAs mitigate and finalize timely reporting on EHS inspection deficiencies in systems
- Provide targeted technical assistance to PHAs
- Provide PHAs TA by FO on development with scores less than 60 on PASS

Substandard/Troubled PHAs

🏘️ **Substandard: 8**

🏘️ **Troubled: 4**

Troubled/Substandard PHAs

PRIORITY GOAL
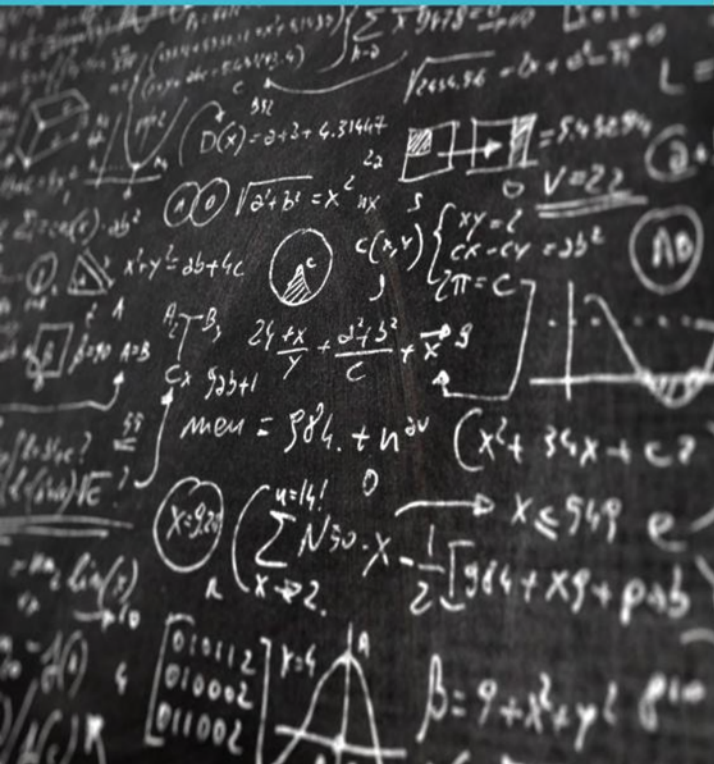
- Improve the PHAS designation of troubled agencies with scores < 60
- Improve the PHAS designation of substandard agencies
- Ensure Substandard PHAs develop Corrective Action Plans
- Onsite assessment of Troubled PHAs & development of Recovery Agreements

HCV Utilization

PRIORITY GOAL

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HUD's priority goal is to spend 100% of HCV Funding this Fiscal Year.

Please take advantage of [HCV Utilization Tools,](#) including the Two-Year Projection Tool which has been updated with final inflation factors.
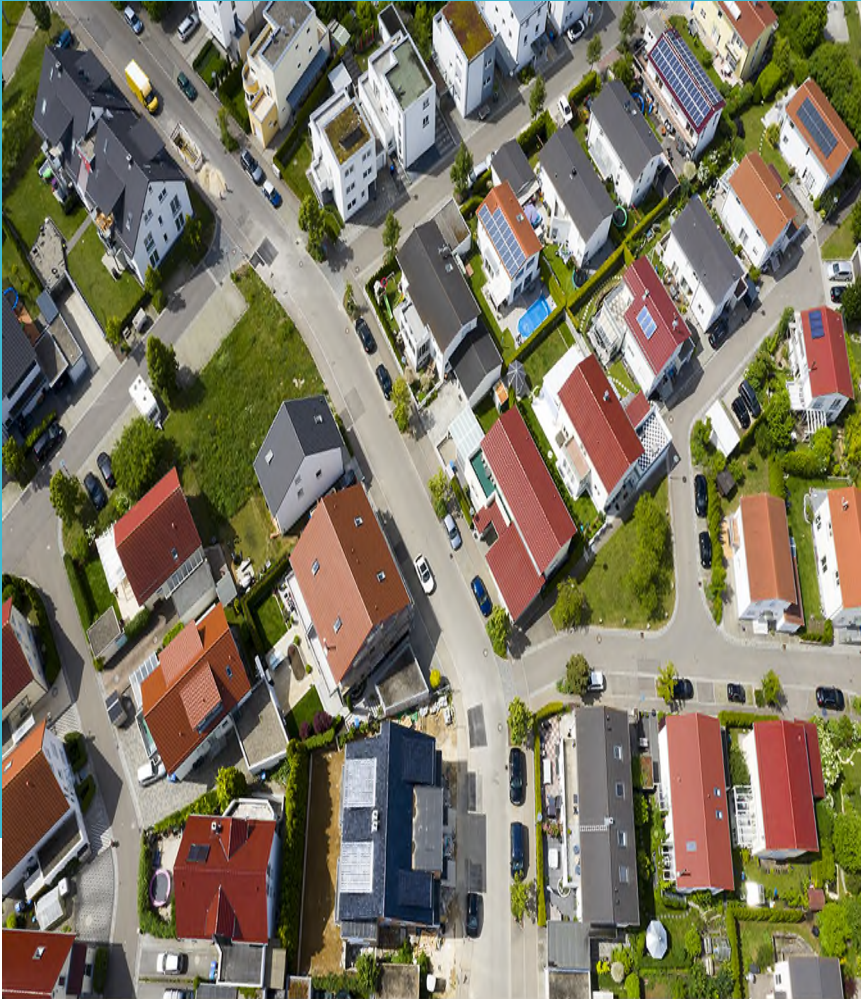
We will continue to work together to find innovate ways to address the challenges we are facing in the current housing market.

HCV Utilization
Birmingham as of 4/1/2024

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Current WIG Budget Utilization

103.76%

National Budget Utilization Target

100.00%

HCV Utilization – HOT List PHAs

# of PHAs on HOT List

4

Leasing Potential in HOT List PHAs

1,073

- Field Office is conducting Leasing Panel Calls with Hot List and Leasing Potential PHAs

Special Voucher Utilization

Mainstream Vouchers:
Goal: 82%
Birmingham FO: 70.14%

Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers (NEDs): Goal is 82%
Birmingham FO: 78.01%

Family Unification Vouchers:
Goal: 82%
Birmingham FO:
83.8%

Foster Youth Initiative (FYI)
56.41%

Veterans Supportive Housing Vouchers (HUD-VASH):
Goal :
84.6%
Birmingham FO:
87.3%

Emergency Housing Vouchers
Goal is 100%:
75.46%

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Capital Fund/EPIC

Financial Conditions

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- Reduce the inflow of insolvent programs
- Sustain solvency and prevent programs from becoming insolvent
- Follow up with PHAs who received Shortfall funds and monitor the improvement plans
- Perform financial reviews of high-risk PHAs
- Perform 6 Compliance reviews

Capital Fund

- Capital Fund
  - Obligation/Expenditure Updates – Accurately reporting Monthly
  - At least 90% obligated by the Obligation End Date

    BLI 1406 is not considered obligated until it is drawn down

    - CFP budgets **Can not be closed out until AFTER the obligation end date**

EPIC
Documents Management Requirements

- Document manager requires submission of certifications. Please ensure all certifications are on current forms, completely and properly executed. **"Do not submit to Field Office".**

- On the ACC amendment, check block 9 or it will be returned.

- An "accepted" initial package is necessary for PHA to be able to create a budget or assign it to an award.

- All emails (success or failure) go to the email for the Executive Director listed in PIC. Ensure PIC is updated.

EPIC
Five Year Action Plan & Annual Plan

- From the 5-year action plan reporting homepage, PHAs use the copy forward icon under options to create the next 5-year plan using the last approved 5YAP.

- Once the five-year action plan is finalized the PHA will submit it for approval.

- After the five-year action plan is submitted, please email your assigned specialist.

- Once 5 Year action plan is approved, submit the Annual Budget in EPIC. This triggers LOCCS to spread your funds

FY24 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

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Application Deadline: June 10, 2024

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants are 30-month grants of up to $500,000 each that assist communities with severely distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing in developing a comprehensive neighborhood transformation plan that meets the "Housing, People, and Neighborhood" goals of the program. Grant funds also support an early action activity to foster engagement and build the momentum necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.

For more information please visit www.hud.gov/cn. The NOFO and application package must be downloaded from the www.grants.gov website. Submit questions to ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov.

Meeting Deadlines

Reminders for Executive Directors

- DUNS/ELI Updates – must be updated annually. If not, you will not be able to access your funds!

- **Budget – Board approved within 45 days of your Fiscal Year beginning date**
    - Financial-Management-Module-6-Operating-And-Capital-Budgets-Slides (hudexchange.info)
    - Operating Budget Template Tool Guidance (hudexchange.info)

- Financial submissions –
    - Unaudited 60 days after your Fiscal Year End
    - Audited 9 months after your Fiscal Year End

Meeting Deadlines

Reminders for Executive Directors

Capital Fund Certification came early!

- Must be completed by April 30th
- **FY25 Capital Fund Grant calculations are based on these certifications**
- Certifications are completed in PIC
- Step by step guides have been provided to PHAs

Meeting Deadlines

Reminders for Executive Directors

PIC Submissions

- 50058s are required to be submitted within 60 days of the action. It is advantageous for the PHA to submit sooner.
- Check for PIC errors after submitting
- New PIC Error Dashboard -PIC Error Dashboard - Power BI (powerbigov.us)

PIC to HIP Transition

Reminders for Executive Directors

Final PIC Submissions – August 5th

PIC Shutdown – August 19th

Please begin PIC Clean up efforts now
- Clearing PIC Errors
- Ensuring that HA Contacts are accurate
- Update Expired PIC Users

**Technical Assistance for PIC Errors is available
Contact your Specialist for more information**

Upcoming EIV Events

- Semi-Annual EIV Certification **April 1st-April 29th**
  - Failure to certify staff, will result in the user being locked out of the system.

- EIV Access Form Submission
  - When submitting an EIV access form, please ensure that the user's PIC profile has been added.

- Fatal Errors Dashboard
  - Verify and resolve errors
  - Ensure that 50058s are entered in a timely fashion.

Available Technical Assistances & Training

Available Technical Assistances

- On-call Technical Assistance (TA) for HCV Utilization, Public Housing Occupancy and Physical Conditions is available!

- PHAs can receive up to 8 hours of on-call targeted direct TA to assist PHAs reach HCV utilization goals, develop strategies to address physical conditions of public housing units, and understand and properly utilize HCV and Public Housing program funds.

Let your assigned specialist know if you have an interest in this TA

Available Technical Assistances

On-call Technical Assistance TA for PIC

PHA's can receive 10 to 32 hours of targeted to On-Call TA for PIC provided through CVR Associates, Inc. to help them with:

- Navigating the PIC Error Dashboard
- Navigating eVMS
- PHAs with systemic PIC reporting problems
- In depth IMS/PIC Training

Let your assigned specialist know if you have an interest in this TA

Section 3 Technical Assistance

- HUD's **Office of Strategic Initiatives** is sponsoring Section 3 On-Call Technical Assistance for HUD grantees and Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) who require assistance with implementing the new Section 3 final rule. On-call TA will be delivered by HUD-approved TA providers who are Section 3 Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with additional expertise in Community Development and Public Housing programs. Through virtual one-on-one sessions, On-Call TA will assist HUD grantees and PHAs with implementation of the new Section 3 Final Rule by:

- Identifying action items to begin implementation of the new Section 3 Rule. Reviewing documents for compliance with Section 3 language such as Section 3 plans, policies and procedures, procurement, marketing, and training materials for contractors/vendors.
- Brainstorming and identifying outreach, recruiting, partnering and other qualitative efforts to meet compliance, and more.
- *On-Call TA is limited to 32 hours of assistance per grantee*

Space is limited. All requests are subject to approval by HUD's Office of Strategic Initiatives. Let your assigned specialist know if you have an interest in this TA.

HOTMA TRAININGS

HOTMA Training Series

- HOTMA Implementation: The HOTMA Income and Assets training is available on HUD Exchange and covers
  - Implementation of Section 102 & 104

- PIH Notice 2023-03 was issued March 13, 2023. This notice provides guidance bout public housing tenancy limits for over-income families. All over-income requirements were effective on **March 16, 2023**, and were fully implemented **June 14, 2023.**

More HOTMA Resources

All HOTMA implementation questions should be direct to the HOTMA Mailbox

Free PHA Training Opportunities Presented by Region IV(SEN)

PH		PHAS This session provides an overview of how the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) is used to measure the performance of a PHA.	
Thu	4/30/24	2:00 pm	CLICK HERE
PH		Budgeting - Public Housing This session will cover the purpose of a Public Housing budget, what is included, who is responsible, and how to develop and administer a budget.	
Tue	4/16/24	2:00 pm	CLICK HERE

Free PHA Training Opportunities Presented by Region IV(SEN)

NewTrainingsTBA

		SEMAP This session provides an overview of how the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) is used to measure the performance of a PHA's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.	
HCV			
Thu 5/02/24	10:00 am		CLICK HERE
Thu 5/16/24	2:00 pm		CLICK HERE
Wed 5/29/24	10:00 am		CLICK HERE
HCV		Budgeting HCV This session will explore the importance and function of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program budget, the development, and on-going administration of the HCV budget.	
Tue 5/07/24	2:00 pm		CLICK HERE
Wed 5/15/24	2:00 pm		CLICK HERE
Wed 5/29/24	2:00 pm		CLICK HERE

Free PHA Training Opportunities

NewTrainingsTBA

CFP Public Housing Investment Tools Session 2: April 18th

Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP)

Under the Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP), a PHA may borrow private capital to make improvements and pledge – subject to the availability of appropriations – a portion of its future year annual Capital Funds to make debt service payments for either a bond or conventional bank loan transaction.

Learn More

- HOTMA Implementation:
  Webcasts and Slides

- HOTMA Proposed Rule:
  Webcast (download) and Slides

- FSHO Implementation:
  Webcast and Slides (download)

- RAD and Repositioning

Questions?