



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Public and Indian Housing

Special Attention of:
Directors of HUD Regional and Field
Offices of Public Housing;
Agencies that Administer the
Housing Choice Voucher Program

Notice PIH 2014-23 (HA)

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Cross References: Notices PIH 2014-3 and
PIH 2010-40; *Implementation of the HUD-
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-
VASH) Program* published in the *Federal
Register* on March 23, 2012.

Subject: Set-Aside Funding Availability for Project-Basing HUD-VASH Vouchers

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this notice is to announce additional awards under Notice PIH 2014-3 (Set-Aside Funding Availability for Project-Basing HUD-VASH Vouchers). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (the 2014 Act) (Public Law 113-76) enacted January 17, 2014, provided \$75 million for HUD-VASH vouchers as authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. With the broad flexibility provided under the 2014 Act, the Department has decided to fund an additional 22 PHAs under Notice PIH 2014-13.
- 2. Background.** Consistent with previous appropriations act provisions on VASH, the 2014 Act provides HUD (in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)) with broad authority to waive or specify alternative statutory or regulatory requirements in connection with VASH, subject to certain limitations. (The full text of the VASH waiver language is contained in the 2014 Act.) In using the authority provided by Congress, both HUD and the VA have concluded that the project-based voucher (PBV) program is a vital tool in meeting the needs of homeless veterans and their families. Consistent with this determination, HUD has waived requirements that posed obstacles to PHAs project-basing VASH funding. In addition, HUD has established PBV set-asides such as the one conducted under Notice PIH 2014-3.

The Department originally announced that approximately \$7 million of funds provided under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (the 2013 Act) (Public Law 113-6) would be available for the PBV set-aside under Notice PIH 2014-3. However, the number of applications received from PHAs that demonstrated a high need for HUD-VASH assistance and projects that were ready to be occupied or begin construction within the next six months significantly exceeded the funding available

under the Notice. HUD was simply not able to fund all of the good applications it received.

- 3. Announcement of Additional PBV Awards.** Given the background detailed in Section 2 of this Notice, HUD has concluded that the needs of homeless veterans and their families would be best served by using approximately \$4.2 million in extra funding to allow for the selection of an additional 22 PHA proposals. All of the additional proposals received a total score of at least 30 points under the criteria in Notice PIH 2014-3, which reflects the fact that there was clearly demonstrated need for these projects.

The decision to fund these additional projects will create an additional 582 units for homeless veterans and their families. This new production of units significantly adds to the stock of affordable housing at a time when the rental market remains tight. It will also significantly contribute to HUD's efforts to reach its goal of ending homelessness by 2015.

HUD will announce the 22 PHAs that received the additional funding provided by this Notice after Congressional notification.

- 4. HUD Ability to Modify or Withdraw Award Offers.** In a rare number of cases, PHAs have not provided accurate information in connection with their proposals. For example, it is not accurate to assert that a project has available units that will be ready for PBV VASH occupancy within 60 days of proposal selection if the project units are occupied by current VASH participants, regular PBV participants or other similar families. In cases like this, the information submitted is inaccurate and the units are not available for new PBV VASH families. HUD reserves the right to modify or withdraw offers in cases where the PHA provides inaccurate information with respect to its application.
- 5. Information Contact.** Inquiries about this notice should be directed to Phyllis Smelkinson, Darrin Dorsett, or Caroline Crouse in the Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, at (202) 402-4138, (202) 402-8861, or (202) 402-4595, respectively.
- 6. Paperwork Reduction Act.** The information collection requirements contained in this Notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3520). In accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection

of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The active information collections contained in this Notice have been approved under the PRA OMB Control Number 2577-0169.

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