

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Set-Aside Funding for Additional Costs due to Portability

The fiscal year (FY) 2011 appropriations for the Department provide a set-aside of \$150 million (\$149,700,000 after rescission) of HAP funds for additional renewal funding to be provided to public housing agencies (PHA) under certain circumstances. The details are explained in PIH Notice 2011-27. One of the categories in this set-aside provides additional funding for PHAs who experienced a significant increase in renewal costs due to portability. The Department has completed preliminary calculations of additional portability costs that may result in PHA eligibility for funding under this category. The list that accompanies this narrative identifies those PHAs that are apparently eligible.

Actual portability costs incurred during the re-benchmarking period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 are already included in the 2011 renewal funding allocations provided to PHAs, because they are included in the actual costs for the period extracted from the Voucher Management System. The additional costs available through the set-aside are based upon the extent to which the average per-unit-month (PUM) portability cost reported by the PHA exceeds the PHA's average program-wide PUM cost for the re-benchmarking period. If the average portability PUM exceeds the average program-wide PUM by more than 10 percent, the PHA is eligible for set-aside funding. The Department has completed preliminary calculations of PHA eligibility for funding under this category. The list that accompanies this narrative identifies those PHAs that are apparently eligible. The calculations were based on the validated Voucher Management System (VMS) data used for CY 2011 funding allocations.

PHAs may be guided by the list of apparently eligible PHAs, but should not consider it as absolute. Any PHA may request consideration for this funding, whether on the apparently eligible list or not. Any PHA requesting consideration must submit an application in accordance with the requirements of PIH Notice 2011-27, to be received at the stated location by June 23, 2011. Attachment A of the Notice must be completed, signed and submitted; no other documentation should be provided. As stated in the Notice, the Department may consider a PHA's level of Net Restricted Assets to assess need for the additional funding, in addition to eligibility, in determining set-aside awards. Also, all awards are subject to pro-ration if eligible set-aside requests exceed funds available.