

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

December 19, 2022

CA085 COUNTY OF SONOMA 1440 GUERNEVILLE ROAD SANTA ROSA, CA 95403-4107

Dear Executive Director:

I am pleased to notify you that your public housing agency (PHA) is eligible for new Mainstream vouchers and funding as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136). The CARES Act allowed the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allocate additional vouchers to PHAs non-competitively to help them prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in their communities. Your PHA submitted an application requesting Mainstream vouchers using the criteria identified in <u>PIH Notice 2022-19</u>: "Mainstream Vouchers – Non-Competitive Opportunity for Additional Vouchers Authorized by the CARES Act and Extraordinary Administrative Funding, Correction." https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2022-19.pdf

The enclosed table (see last page) shows the number of units and the associated budget authority awarded along with extraordinary administrative fees awarded, as applicable. The default effective date of your award will be January 1, 2023, unless you contact <u>MainstreamFunding@hud.gov</u> by Friday, December 30, 2022, to request an alternative effective date. Your effective date may be the first of any month beginning December 2022 through April 2023.

Please remember that, as with the regular voucher program, the awarded budget authority and number of units both serve as a cap. Your PHA may only lease until it has reached the lower of its Mainstream budget authority or the total number of Mainstream units awarded. If your PHA still has Mainstream funding available after leasing all awarded units, this extra funding will go into your PHA's Mainstream Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) reserves. If your PHA is on track to spend all awarded funding but still has units left, stop leasing before all funds are exhausted.

The FMC will provide your PHA with an amended Annual Contributions Contract that reflects the obligation of funds and monthly disbursements amount to be scheduled. Initially, the first three months of disbursements will be automatically scheduled. Each disbursement will equal 1/12th of your award amount. Thereafter, monthly disbursements will be scheduled based on monthly Mainstream expenses reported in the Voucher Management System (VMS). If your PHA has not leased any vouchers by month three, you will not receive additional disbursements until VMS data shows you are incurring HAP expenses. If at any time such disbursements are not sufficient to cover your monthly expenses, your PHA should contact your Financial Analyst at the FMC.

Your PHA must follow all HCV program requirements when administering the Mainstream Voucher Program, including the regulations at 24 CFR part 982, and the requirements in PIH Notice 2022-19 and <u>PIH</u> <u>Notice 2020-01:Revised Policies and Procedures for the Mainstream Voucher Program</u>. Your PHA is required to follow relevant statutes, regulations, and HUD guidance.

To ensure that Mainstream families are recorded properly, you must record MS5 on line 2n of the form HUD-50058 (Family Report). Remember to accurately record families who are homeless at admission on line 4c of the HUD-50058. Mainstream vouchers and corresponding HAP expenses must also be accurately reported in VMS. The Mainstream Voucher Program is reported separately in FASS-PH under the CFDA code 14.879.

Extraordinary administrative fees awarded through PIH Notice 2022-19 can be used for two purposes: (1) any currently eligible voucher administrative costs, including activities to support housing search and lease up of eligible applicants; and (2) costs related to the retention, recruitment, and support of participating owners in the form of security deposits, signing bonuses, vacancy payments, and damage mitigation. Note that the uses of extraordinary administrative funding for retention, recruitment and support of participating owners described in this notice are unique to these amounts and include specific uses that regular, ongoing administrative fees cannot cover. Additional information about use of extraordinary administrative fees, including reporting and eligible expenses, is available in the Extraordinary Administrative Fees FAQ.

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/EAF%20Mainstream%20FAQs%20FINAL.docx

Additional information regarding the Mainstream Voucher Program can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/mainstream.

Please contact MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Steven R. Durham

for Danielle Bastarache Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs

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Number of Vouchers	Voucher Funding	Extraordinary Administrative Fee Funding
30	\$485,413	\$15,000