Richmond FO COVID-19 Update

March 25, 2020
• We appreciate all you are doing to keeping your Staff and Residents safe

• Important for PHAs to continue to remain operational if possible

• Ensure Mission Critical Functions occur

• Important that PHAs work with their State and local Heath Departments on COVID-19 response

• HUD’s main Resource Website:  www.HUD.gov/coronavirus
Field Contact

• Effective March 20, all HUD employees are required to telework
• Please continue to stay in contact with assigned field representatives
  • Email
  • Phone
• Best way to contact Field Office is by email – currently limited ability to access US Mail.
• In person events and trainings have been cancelled through April
COVID-19 Cases - Staff, Public Housing Residents, or HCV Participants
  • Please do not send PII, do not include names

Please keep us updated on Change in HA Operational Status
  • Open housing authority that is conducting routine business, whether personnel are in the office or working remotely
    • Closed housing authority that has temporarily suspended routine operations

Change in Hours
  • Normal, Reduced, Limited

Limiting Public Access –
  • Normal, Reduced, Limited – only contact by phone and email

Changes in HA Tenant Services (inspection maintenance)
  • Normal, Reduced, Emergency
• PHA COVID 19 Policy
  • If you have a policy please share with the Field Office.
  • No form planning requirement
  • Recommended
  • See FAQ for suggested Topics to consider.
• PIH is committed to ensuring PHAs have funds to continue to operate
  • Capital Funds will be distributed by mid-April
  • Operating Fund and HCV: May payments will be distributed by the end of March

• TBD: Additional funding in COVID-19 Stimulus Bill
• PIH has a dedicated email box for COVID-19 questions:
  • PIH-COVID@hud.gov
• HUD Published 3/13 FAQs
• HUD PHA Conference Call 3/20
  • HUD is working to get recording of conference call that will be posted to YouTube.
• Plans for additional FAQs to be issued
Waiver Submissions

- HUD is pursuing special COVID-19 waiver authority from Congress.
- This authority would enable HUD to grant certain waivers to all PHAs by Notice.
- More effective than Individual PHAs waiver request.
- Mailbox: PIH_Disaster_Relief@hud.gov
2018 CFP grant Obligation End Date is 5/28/2020

- Current process is:
- Email copy of the extension request should be sent to PIH_OCI@hud.gov
- The subject line should read as follows:
  - Request for the Extension of the Obligation End Date for (PHA code), for Capital Fund grant (Grant #)
- Submit Request prior to the obligation end date
- In most cases, the obligation extension justification related to COVID-19 would be pursuant to 24 CFR 905.306(d)(5), “An event beyond the control of the PHA.”
- Submit requests for an extension of the obligation deadline to the following address:
  David Fleischman
  Director
  Office of Capital Improvements
  451 7th Street SW
  Room 4130
  Washington, DC 20410
Questions and Answers?