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Dear Executive Director:

I am pleased to notify you that your public housing agency (PHA) is eligible for an increase in Mainstream vouchers and funding as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136). The CARES Act directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to proportionally allocate additional vouchers to PHAs that received an award under either of the two most recent Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs). *PIH Notice 2020-09: CARES Act Mainstream Funding for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) Awarded Funding Allocations in the 2017 and 2019 Competitions* details this increase in funding.

The following table identifies the funding you are eligible to receive:

Term	Budget Authority	Number of Units
12	\$63,645	9

Every PHA that received an award through the FY 2017 or FY 2019 Mainstream Voucher Program NOFAs is eligible to receive a 30 percent increase in the number of vouchers it received between the two NOFAs. If a 30 percent increase in vouchers resulted in a fraction of a voucher being allocated, HUD rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if the PHA was awarded 22 vouchers through FR-6100-N-43 and 30 vouchers through FR-6300-N-43 for a total of 52 vouchers, the PHA will receive 16 new vouchers.

Please contact your Financial Analyst at the Financial Management Center (FMC) by Friday, May 29, 2020, to select the effective date when your PHA may begin leasing these vouchers. The effective date may be as early as May 1, 2020, and no later than October 1, 2020. Alternatively, if you choose to decline these vouchers, please notify your Financial Analyst by May 29, 2020. If you do not contact your Financial Analyst by May 29, 2020, HUD will obligate the funds and your effective date will default to August 1, 2020.

Please remember, as with the regular voucher program, the awarded budget authority and number of units both serve as a cap. Your agency may only lease until you have reached the lower of your budget authority or number of units allocated. If you have money left but you have leased all the awarded units, this extra funding will go into your agency's Mainstream HAP reserves. If you are on track to spend all of the awarded funding but still have units left, stop leasing before you run out of

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The FMC will provide your agency with an amended Annual Contributions Contract that reflects the obligation of funds and monthly disbursements will 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 you have 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 agency should contact your Financial Analyst at the Financial Management Center.

Your agency 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* 2020-09. 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 be accurately reported in VMS. The Mainstream Voucher Program is reported separately in FASS-PH under the CFDA code 14.879.

Additional information regarding the Mainstream Voucher Program can be found at: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/programs/hcv/mainstream">https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/programs/hcv/mainstream</a>.

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

Sincerely



Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs

Attachment

Memo Reference: 20-100