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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Executive Director and/or HCV Program Representative:

This communication provides updated guidance on the processing of tenant protection voucher (TPV) funding applications starting in FY 2019.

The 2018 Consolidated Act specified that HUD may only provide replacement TPVs for units that were occupied within the previous 24 months that cease to be available as assisted housing, and only to the extent that funding is available. This same restriction continues in accordance with the Continuing Resolution 2019 (Public Law 115-245, enacted on September 28, 2018). PIH provided guidance on this provision in Notice 2018-09, Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Funding Provisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (the Notice).

The Notice provides that "to ensure that TPVs are available to assist all families directly impacted by eligible conversion actions, HUD initially will only provide TPVs (relocation and replacement) for Multifamily Housing actions for units occupied on the date the TPV application is submitted to HUD." The Notice additionally states that, "subject to the availability of funding, HUD may subsequently be able to provide TPVs for vacant units lost due to Multifamily Housing actions in the impacted properties, provided that those units were occupied within the previous 24 months from the eligibility event in accordance with the authority provided under the 2018 Act." Similarly, the Notice provides that for public housing conversion actions TPVs are only made available for occupied units, but that TPVs may subsequently be made available for unoccupied units that were occupied within the previous 24 months at the time of the Special Application Center (SAC) approval, subject to the availability of funding.

Based on the availability of funding, the Office of Housing Voucher Programs (OHVP) will begin providing TPVs for unoccupied units that were occupied within the previous 24-month period in addition to TPVs for occupied units for both Multifamily Housing and Public Housing TPV actions. This change in policy applies prospectively for TPV allocations with effective dates of October 1, 2018, or later. HUD is not retroactively providing TPVs for unoccupied units for past TPV actions that already received TPV funding or where funding has already been obligated.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please send them to the PIH mailbox PIH.Conversion.Actions@hud.gov and copy Richard.Y.Ansah@hud.gov. You may also call Richard Ansah directly at 202-402-5686 or reach out to your FMC Financial Analyst or Field Office Portfolio Specialist.

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