



CPD and PIH Programs Covered by the Certification Final Rule

Does my organization participate in one of the programs listed here?

Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Continuum of Care (CoC), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Rural Housing Stability Assistance

Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Programs: Conversion of Distressed Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance, Displacement Due to Demolition and Disposition of Public Housing, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Multifamily Housing Service Coordinators, Public Housing Operating Fund, Public Housing Resident Homeownership, Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS)

My organization does not participate in any of these programs.

The Final Rule doesn't impact my organization at this time

What housing services does my organization provide by requirement, funding, or referral?

My program and/or the grantee **require** us to provide housing counseling services that meet the definition of housing counseling as defined at CFR Part 5.100¹

My program **makes referrals** to housing counseling services that meet the definition of housing counseling as defined at CFR Part 5.100¹

My program **funds** housing counseling services that meet the definition of housing counseling as defined at CFR Part 5.100¹

Exception: My program provides housing counseling in the context of **holistic case management** under the CoC, ESG, or HOPWA Programs.

The housing services that we provide do not meet the definition of housing counseling per CFR part 5.100¹, such as:

Housing information, or placement or referral services

Routine administrative activities (such as program eligibility determinations and intake)

Case management that is incidental to a larger case management and does not fund housing counseling

Fair housing advice and advocacy, such as processing complaints and filing claims

Group education without individualized housing counseling services

The final rule impacts my organization. What do I do now?

Become a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency (HCA)

Apply directly to HUD

Apply through a HUD-approved intermediary or SHFA

Partner with or make referrals to a HUD-approved HCA with HUD certified housing counselors

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¹Housing Counseling as stated at CFR part 5.100 is independent, expert advice customized to the needs of the consumer to address the consumer's housing barriers and to help achieve their housing goals. It must include the following elements: intake, client budget, financial and housing affordability analysis, a client action plan, and a reasonable effort to follow-up with client. Note that group education and online education are not housing counseling.