NLIHC’s HoUSed Campaign for Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Final Rule on Using State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Affordable Housing

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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Treasury’s Final Rule

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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program

- American Rescue Plan Act provided **$350 billion** to state, local, and tribal governments to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic

- **Interim Final Rule**: Published in May 2021
  - Identified a non-exhaustive list of eligible uses, including for affordable housing and homelessness
  - NLIHC submitted a public comment and sent a letter to Treasury calling for additional guidance
Treasury’s Final Rule

- Treasury’s *final rule* takes effect on April 1, 2022

- **Improvements:**
  - Expands households and communities presumed to be “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted” by the pandemic
  - Expands housing programs for impacted communities
  - Clarifies eligible affordable housing projects
Expands Eligible Populations

• The final rule establishes an eligibility standard and presumes that some households and communities were impacted or disproportionately impacted
  ▪ **Impacted**: Experienced general, broad-based impacts of the pandemic
  ▪ **Disproportionately impacted**: Faced more severe impacts, often due to pre-existing disparities
Impacted Households & Communities

- **Eligibility**
  - Low- or moderate-income: Income at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) or 65% of the area median income (AMI).
  - Experienced unemployment, food, or housing insecurity
  - Qualify for certain federal programs
  - When providing affordable housing programs, households that qualify for national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and HOME

- **Eligible Activities**
  - **Emergency housing assistance**, including rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; housing stability services; assistance for people experiencing homelessness
  - **Programs or services to support long-term housing security**, including affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing
Disproportionately Impacted Households & Communities

- **Eligibility**
  - Low-income: Income at or below 185% of FPG or 40% of AMI
  - Reside in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)
  - Qualify for certain federal benefits, including Section 8 Vouchers, LIHEAP, and others
  - Receive services provided by tribal governments or reside in US territories

- **Eligible Activities**
  - Housing vouchers and relocation assistance
  - Improvements to vacant and abandoned properties, including rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or costs to secure and convert properties to affordable housing
Expands Housing Programs

- Now eligible for “impacted” households and communities: programs or services to support long-term housing security
  - Permanent supportive housing
  - Affordable housing development, rehabilitation, and preservation
- Housing vouchers and relocation assistance remain in the category of uses for “disproportionately impacted”
Clarifies Eligible Affordable Housing Projects

- Recipients can use SLFRF funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response, including building certain affordable housing
- Projects eligible for funding under the HTF and HOME programs are eligible for SLFRF funds
- Affordable housing not confined to QCTs
- Grants to support affordable housing development and the rehabilitation and repair of public housing are eligible
U.S. Department of the Treasury:

- Treasury’s SLFRF Program webpage
- SLFRF Final Rule
- Overview of the Final Rule
- Tool for Determining LMI Households

NLIHC Resources:

- ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Affordable Housing Investments Using Fiscal Recovery Funds
ERASE Project & ERA Spending Updates

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New Treasury Data & Resources

1. November Spending Progress:
   https://bit.ly/3qc1LO1

2. Third Quarter Data:
   https://bit.ly/3qc1LO1

3. ERA1 Reallocation Information:
   https://bit.ly/33gqY0D &
November Spending Progress

Overall
• $15.9 billion from ERA1 and ERA2 has been disbursed to households
• ERA has reached over 3.2 million renter households

ERA1
• $13.6 billion has been paid to households (54% of $25 billion)
• $1.5 billion was spent in November

ERA2
• $2.3B has been paid to households (11% of $21.6 billion)
• $1.35B was spent in November, up from $668M in October.
November Spending Progress

Amount of ERA1 & ERA2 Spent by Month, in Billions

- ERA2
- ERA1

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November Spending Progress

Percent ERA1 Allocation Spent by State

- California: 100%
- New York: 100%
- Minnesota: 90%
- New Jersey: 90%
- Virginia: 90%
- District of Columbia: 86%
- North Carolina: 84%
- Illinois: 83%
- Texas: 81%
- Alaska: 75%
- Tennessee: 13%
- Montana: 12%
- Idaho: 11%
- Georgia: 9%
- South Carolina: 9%
- Nebraska: 7%
- Wyoming: 6%
- North Dakota: 6%
- Arizona: 5%
- South Dakota: 3%
3rd Quarter Data (Jul – Sep)

Applications -
Nearly 3.6 million applications were completed and submitted from Q1 to Q3, but only 43% of those households were served.

Households Served by Income -
1.9 million households were served in Q3, 66% of which were extremely low-income households.

- 0-30% AMI: 66%
- 31-50% AMI: 21%
- 50-80% AMI: 13%
Voluntarily Reallocated Funds

- **$875.5 million** was voluntarily reallocated.
- Most voluntarily reallocated funds came from state grantees.
- The states of Wisconsin, Indiana, Louisiana, and Tennessee all reallocated more than $100 million of their ERA1 allocations.

Recaptured Funds

- **$239.9 million** was recaptured from grantees who did not meet the expenditure ratio.
- Treasury did not release information on which grantees these funds were recaptured from.
Grantees Receiving Reallocated funds

125 programs received reallocated funds, including 5 states, 91 localities, and 29 Tribes.

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ERA1 Reallocation

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Questions?
For questions regarding ERA spending or reallocation, email research@nlihc.org.
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