



## Announcements

Monday, April 6, 2020

### COVID-19 Announcements for Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency

As the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation continues to develop in our state, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency's top concern is the health and wellness of our customers and our employees. We continue to provide vital housing within guidance from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### [Federal CARES Act Eviction Moratorium](#)

#### OHFA Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance

Effective March 25, 2020 - OHFA has resumed making loans for its Down Payment Assistance programs with both the Gold & Dream products.

#### Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

Updated April 9:

- OHFA is automatically extending pending vouchers until June 30. The family does not need to request an extension.
- OHFA has implemented virtual [Housing Quality Standards](#) inspections for new units only. [Virtual Inspections Guidance](#)
- OHFA has granted an extension until May 31, 2020 to correct non-life threatening unit deficiencies for only those units currently occupied by a family already receiving rental assistance. OHFA will continue to require all life-threatening deficiencies to be corrected within 24 hours of notification of the deficiency.
- OHFA has placed a moratorium on rental assistance terminations, except for terminations for vacant units and terminations where the sole household member is deceased.
- In-person certification/recertification appointments have been suspended.
- Annual/Biennial inspections are suspended.
- New unit inspections have been suspended.

## Performance Based Contract Administration

- Management and Occupancy Reviews have been postponed until further notice.

## Affordable Housing Tax Credits, HOME, Housing Trust Funds, HOPWA, FDIC's Affordable Housing Program

Updated March 19

### ***On site Inspections***

Physical inspections have been postponed until further notice.

Tenant file reviews will be conducted electronically. More information will be given to impacted sites as these are scheduled.

### **Electronic Forms/Signatures**

OHFA will allow electronic signatures on forms. Please ensure proper software is used to comply with legal.

### **Services**

Due to the health concerns of all the parties involved, OHFA LIHTC Compliance will make exceptions for owners/management to prove supportive service requirements and/or tenant involvement-participation requirements made for the month of March and April and for the first quarter of 2020.

### **Quarterly Reporting**

If a LIHTC property is currently in the Compliance Quarterly Reporting stage the report is due April 10 reflecting the time period of January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Our current policy states OHFA will consider a report faxed or emailed to tax credit compliance on or before the due date as being received on-time as long as the original is also postmarked on or before the due date. We will have to wait and see if it will be possible for a hard copy to be mailed to us since it is not possible for OHFA to print every report submitted. Please contact us if you are impacted by mailing a hard copy to OHFA. It is the plan of the LIHTC Compliance Department to accommodate during these times as much as possible.

### All Programs

- Face-to-face meetings are suspended, Public teleconferences will be announced in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- Public hearings will still be held in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- Please utilize the [www.ohfa.org](http://www.ohfa.org) website as much as possible to access Agency information.
- OHFA has suspended in-person customer visits at 100 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Paperwork may be mailed to PO Box 26720, Oklahoma City, OK 73126.

Consistent and reliable information about COVID-19 is available through the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov) and [Oklahoma State Department of Health \(OSDH\)](https://www.ohhs.gov) websites and social media. You may also contact the COVID-19 Call Center operated by the OSDH at 877-215-8336. The Call Center has the capability to connect callers to Spanish speaking interpreters.

State Reources

[Oklahoma Department of Health](#)

[State Agency Resources](#)