

# FHLBank Update

## Guidance: Temporary Support for Households Displaced by Recent Natural Disasters

To accommodate individuals impacted by recent natural disasters, FHLBank Pittsburgh is now permitted to temporarily allow vacant rental units assisted by the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) to be temporarily leased to individuals/households, regardless of their income, who were displaced by the following natural disasters: California wildfires; Tropical Storms Laura and Marco; Hurricane Laura; and any other wildfire, tropical storm and hurricane in the summer and fall of 2020 (Disasters). Such accommodation is subject to the conditions noted in this communication.

Prior to accepting households that may qualify, AHP project sponsors must notify and receive the written approval from FHLBank Pittsburgh. The following conditions must also apply:

- The displaced individual/household must have resided in a county designated on or after Aug. 22, 2020, for Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other government designated areas as a result of the Disasters;
- The time period for suspension of household income limits shall not extend beyond Dec. 31, 2021;
- Project owners or project sponsors must maintain and certify certain information, including the name and former address of each displaced individual/household, and a statement, signed under penalty of perjury by the displaced individual/head of household, that the individual/household requires temporary housing because of damage to the individual's/household's home in an eligible county;
- Project owners or project sponsors must maintain documentation of the date the individual/household began temporary occupancy of the AHP unit and the date the occupancy ends;
- Rents charged must not exceed the existing AHP rents for the units, except as permitted under other federal agency declarations for housing assistance for individuals/households displaced by the Disasters; and
- Existing AHP-eligible tenants may not be evicted or otherwise have their tenancy terminated as a result of efforts to provide temporary housing for displaced individuals/households.

Except as noted in this communication, all other AHP obligations and requirements remain in effect unchanged. If you have questions, please contact Megan Krider at 800-288-3400, ext. 4577, or [megan.krider@fhlb-pgh.com](mailto:megan.krider@fhlb-pgh.com).