



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES ADMINISTERING STATE-AIDED PUBLIC HOUSING AND/OR STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE
FROM: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
SUBJECT: MANDATORY DATA REPORTING
DATE: AUGUST 3, 2020

As you are aware, local housing authorities administering state-aided public housing and/or state rental assistance must annually report data required by DHCD pursuant to Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2006 and the regulations at 760 CMR 61.00. We remind you that annual reporting is to reflect occupancy statistics existing as of July 31 of the current calendar year, to be submitted to DHCD by September 30 of the same year. LHAs must submit this year's data by **September 30, 2020**. Understanding COVID-19 impacts, we appreciate in advance your best efforts in reporting existing information in your files that you are able to access, and we remind LHAs that information reported last year is still available for you to view through the DHCD-LHA Housing Applications website referenced below.

As reporting is required annually, LHAs MUST submit 2020 reports even if reporting occurred in prior years. Furthermore, LHAs that administer state-aided public housing AND state rental assistance (mobile and/or project-based) programs must submit annual reports for each program. As a reminder, LHAs that administer the Special Needs Housing programs (Chapters 689 and 167) must ensure that their reporting of state-aided public housing includes these units.

To streamline reporting and enable DHCD to compile and analyze data more efficiently and effectively, LHAs must continue to report by uploading spreadsheets through the DHCD-LHA Housing Applications website at <https://hedlhaportal.azurewebsites.net/Login.aspx>. Upon login at the website, you will find on the main page updated user guides for state-aided public housing and state rental assistance, a "Manage Logins" option, which allows Executive Directors to enable another user to report the data by clicking on the check box under the "LHA Data Collection" column that corresponds to the user.

To begin reporting, click on the "LHA Data Collection" button under the "Annual" box on the main page, and then select housing type (public housing, project-based rental assistance, or mobile rental assistance). For each housing type, the applicable spreadsheet for 2020 reporting is available for download on the next page (see the link under "Step 1"). As in prior years, the appropriate codes must be used when filling in the spreadsheet (see the user guides). Once you have entered or pasted data into the spreadsheet and are ready to submit, you must then upload the spreadsheet (see "Upload" button under Step 1). In order to upload properly, the spreadsheet must be saved as a CSV file ("Save as type: CSV (Comma delimited).") For state-aided public housing and state project-based rental assistance, there is a "Step 2" under which certain program level accessibility-related information must be entered. The final step is to click on the "Submit" button on the bottom left-hand side of the page. Illustrations and further instructions are provided in the user guides.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation, and please contact DHCD's Office of the General Counsel at (617) 573-1501 with questions.