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**Public Housing Notice 2021-02
Addendum #2**

To: Local Housing Authorities
From: Ben Stone, Director, Division of Public Housing
Date: March 15, 2021
Re: **Notice of Funding Availability – Resident Service Coordinators Addendum #2 –
Questions and Answers**

NOFA – Resident Service Coordinators Addendum #2 – Questions and Answers

Q. Writing with a question regarding the PHN that recently came out for availability of RSC's for LHA's. As an LHA that does not currently have a position such as this, we are wondering if there are any trainings that would be made available for housing authorities that are able to obtain a staff for this position.

A. DHCD does not offer RSC trainings, but we do have bi-monthly RSC Calls. During these calls, RSCs often share ideas and resources with each other, and we have had guests join the calls to provide training. Also, RSCs pass on information to us about resources/trainings which we pass along to the broader RSC group. We have also connected RSCs to each other to provide peer support.

Q. Our LHA currently has \$15,323 allocated annually via mixed population coordinator funds. However, this funding level is insufficient to hire a full-time employee. According to the NOFA, we would be ineligible to apply because we currently receive mixed population coordinator funding. Is it possible to allow for exceptions to LHAs who hope to *increase* the funding level of their current resident service coordinator or mixed population coordinator? As I'm sure you hear from all LHAs, the need for on-the-ground resident services has never been this great and we would certainly utilize the potential increase to the line item.

A. Please see PHN 2021-02 NOFA RSC Addendum #1 for information on eligibility.

Q. Our agency currently has an Executive Office of Elder Affairs funded RSC position for one of our Elderly sites. I wanted to confirm whether or not this fact precludes us from receiving funds through this newest funding round?

A. Please see PHN 2021-02 NOFA RSC Addendum #1 for information on eligibility.