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Public Housing Notice 2025-08

To: Local Housing Authority Executive Directors
From: Jason Wright, Director, Bureau of Policy, Operations, and Performance
Subject: American Revolution 250th Anniversary Celebration Funding
Date: July 1, 2025

The purpose of this Public Housing Notice (PHN) is to announce funding available for celebrations commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

Need To Know:

- Events should focus on Patriots Day, Evacuation Day, Bunker Hill Day, or July 4th
- Funds are for State-aided Public Housing (PH) developments only (not federal or other programs)
- Must include residents in c. 200, c. 705, and/or c. 667, if available
- Open to all the LHA's residents who are in state-aided public housing
- LHAs with an RSC should use this as an opportunity to do outreach to residents

Celebrations

Funding is available to support celebrations related to the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War. Celebrations should focus on Patriots Day, Evacuation Day, Bunker Hill and/or July 4th. Celebrations can include but are not limited to cookouts, ice cream socials, educational events, or concerts. Events must be held between 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026. Limited to **one** event per LHA.

Funding Formula

LHAs may use between $5-10 per state public housing unit, representing a maximum of $411,360 across the state-funded portfolio. This formula budget exemption funding comes from operating subsidy.

LHAs should submit a budget or a budget revision to their FY2025 or FY2026 400-1 operating budget, whichever is applicable, and request a direct cost exemption if they want to use these funds. The **budget exemption must include a description** (to be submitted separately to your HMS) of how the event is related to Patriots Day, Evacuation Day, Bunker Hill and/or July 4th. **The LHA's budget exemption cannot exceed $10 per state public housing unit.**

Receipts and pictures are required at the end of the fiscal year in order to receive funding. EOHLC will set up a process for submission of these receipts and pictures and will communicate this process in the coming months. Questions about the submission of receipts and pictures should be directed to Ann Young, Livable Public Housing Communities Specialist, at ann-elizabeth.young@mass.gov.

Outreach to Residents

Events must be open to all residents in c. 200, c. 705, or c. 667 state-aided public housing developments. The LHA must ensure that all residents are notified about the event. If the LHA has a resident service coordinator (RSC), the RSC should use this event as an opportunity to do outreach with residents. This outreach should focus on connecting residents with services like healthcare, transportation, and public assistance. Outreach and coordination related to this event are appropriate uses of RSC time