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Public Housing Notice 2026-05

To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors
From: Fatima Razzaq, Assistant Undersecretary of Public Housing and Rental Assistance
Subject: Updates to Capital Project Implementation Processes
Date: June 16, 2026

Effective July 1, 2026, EOHLIC will be making the following changes to the capital project implementation processes:

- Eliminating EOHLIC design reviews on projects with estimated construction costs between \$150,000 and \$300,000.
 - This change will be effective on **all newly created projects** coming out of CIPs or CIP Revisions after July 1, it will not affect already in-process projects.
 - Projects that are deemed especially complex may still have design reviews.
- Eliminating EOHLIC design reviews on site paving projects with estimated construction costs between \$150,000 and \$500,000.
 - This change will be effective on **all newly created projects** coming out of CIPs or CIP Revisions after July 1, it will not affect already in-process projects.
 - This limit is specifically for site paving jobs that are limited to top coats and do not require any significant site regrading.

Why are we doing this?

The Healey-Driscoll administration has generously increased the Public Housing capital budget by +69% since FY23. This has resulted in a +83% increase to the number of projects in our pipeline. Unfortunately, our staffing levels have not kept pace with this increase and we are not able to commit adequate time to reviewing each project. As I'm sure the LHAs know, the outcome of this workload increase has been significantly increased waiting times on capital projects.

Our hope is that this change will allow for these smaller, less complicated projects to move forward uninterrupted and allow our staff to focus their time on larger, more complex projects.

How will this work?

House Doctors will continue to upload their design sets into CapHub so that we may maintain a record. Upon upload, EOHLIC Architecture and Engineering staff will go into the Design Review module where

they once would have uploaded a design review memo, and will instead select a new item from the menu labeled “Not Reviewed”. This will push the project along to the EOHLC project manager who can make any necessary budget updates before approving.

Next Steps

We are hosting a webinar on June 24, 2026 at 11am to review this change with LHAs and answer any questions you may have. Please join us!

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/295956741164435?p=kNeKY6QisyFihTxhh7>

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If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact [Fatima Razaq](#).