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SUBJECT: **Program Information**

NEW FAX NUMBER FOR HCA SECTION

Now that the dust has settled from the major move of employees within our office space, the HUD Contract Administration Section has a new fax number. Please send all faxes to **503-986-6705**. Be sure to include a cover page as this number is used by several work units.

CHANGES TO INCOME EXCLUSIONS

On July 24, 2012, HUD published “Federally Mandated Exclusions From Income” (Docket No. FR-5635-N-01) in the *Federal Register*.

HUD’s regulations provide that HUD will periodically publish a *Federal Register* notice listing the amounts specifically excluded by any Federal statute from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits. This notice lists those exclusions. This notice also lists federal statutes that require certain income sources to be disregarded with regard to specific HUD programs. This notice updates the list of exclusions last published on April 20, 2001, by amending, removing, and adding exclusions.

Exclusions amended:

1. Amounts of scholarships funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, including awards under Federal Work-study programs or under the Bureau of Indian Affairs student assistance programs (20 U.S.C 1087uu). For Section 8 programs, the exception found in § 237 of Public Law 109-249 applies and requires that the amount of financial assistance in excess of tuition shall be considered income in accordance with the

provisions codified at 24 CFR 5.609(b)(9), except for those persons with disabilities as defined by 42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(E) (Pub. L. 109–247)

Exclusions Removed:

1. Payments received under programs funded in whole or in part under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1552(b)). The exclusion that still applies is allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2931).
2. Any allowance paid under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1805 to a child suffering from spina bifida who is the child of a Vietnam veteran.

Exclusions Added:

1. Assistance from the School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771);
2. Payments from the Seneca Nation Settlement Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. 1774f);
3. Payments from any deferred Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits that are received in a lump sum amount or in prospective monthly amounts;
4. Compensation received by or on behalf of a veteran for service-connected disability, death, dependency or indemnity compensation in programs authorized under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) and administered by the Office of Native American Programs; and
5. A lump sum or a periodic payment received by an individual Indian pursuant to the Class Action Settlement Agreement in the United States District Court case entitled *Elouise Cobell et al. v. Ken Salazar et al.*

A copy of the FR Notice may be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-24/pdf/2012-18056.pdf>

HUD REGION X WEBSITE

The HUD Region X website has lots of good information that pertains to Oregon affordable housing owners. The link to the website is:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/mf/whatsnew.cfm?state=wa>

INDUSTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Many training opportunities can be found online by using one of the search engines.
- The following link will take you to a Calendar of Events on the HUD RHIIP website (go to RHIIP Support and Training at the bottom of the page):
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip

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