



# Eviction Protection Grant Program: Technical Assistance

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# EPGP and the Need for Support



- Implementing a new program involves technological and programmatic challenges. The technical assistance (TA) program recognizes and responds to a wide range of grantee needs.
- EPGP support requires customization to meet the needs of eviction legal service providers
- Examples
  - Hiring and retaining attorneys for eviction defense work
  - Revising DRGR Action Plans, improving Quarterly Performance Report acceptance rates



# What is Technical Assistance (TA)?



- Technical assistance helps HUD grantees navigate complicated HUD programs by
  - Filling gaps and needs with specialized training, tools, and systems
  - Positioning grantees to launch, implement, and successfully administer HUD grants
  - Improving regulatory compliance given lengthy and ever-changing rules
  - More effectively assisting low-income tenants
- TA is NOT
  - Contract labor hours to be managed by grantees
  - Meant to respond to the same fixable needs year after year



# Examples of TA



## ● Direct TA

- Troubleshooting: Navigation of DRGR, practical tips for common technical problems
- Revising Action Plans: How to document the changes you need to run your program
- Vouchers: Eligibility of charges, how to avoid rejections
- QPRs: Improve submissions by reducing inconsistencies and missing supporting documents

## ● Resources and Tools

- Quick Guides (EPGP forthcoming): E.g., [Recovery Housing Program \(CDBG\)](#)
- Group Learning / Training (EPGP forthcoming): E.g., [NFHTA Litigating Fair Housing Cases](#)
- Housing Counseling Training Library: E.g., [Eviction Prevention](#) and [Renter's Guide: Renting 101](#)
- FHEO training materials: E.g., [Prima Facie Elements of a Discriminatory Eviction](#), [Prompt Judicial Action and Injunctive Relief for Evictions](#)



# Steps for Receiving Direct TA Support

For EPGP Grantees



- **Submit a request** for direct TA support to [EvictionProtectionGrant@hud.gov](mailto:EvictionProtectionGrant@hud.gov), Attention: TA
- HUD's EPGP and TA offices review the request, **check for suitability and whether outside resources are available**, and then respond
- HUD and the TA provider customize support to meet the requestor's needs



# EPGP TA Offerings in 2024



- Topic Areas:
  - DRGR
  - Hiring and retention
- TA Methods
  - Direct (on call): support up to 16 hours per grantee per topic
  - Group learning and training
  - Products, guides, and other tools



# Additional HUD Eviction Resources



## ● Housing Counseling Program

- Nationwide network of agencies with information and tools for preserving housing stability
- Serves renters and homeowners (e.g., foreclosure assistance)
- HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and HUD-certified housing counselors
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/>

## ● National Fair Housing Training Academy

- Fair housing and housing law education programs
- Hosts forums, events, and instructor-led courses
- Maintains a resource library
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/nfhta/>





# TA Looking Forward



- EPGP to announce new offerings as they become available
- Products and Long-Term Access on HUD Exchange
  - <https://www.hudexchange.info/>
  - EPGP site forthcoming
- TA is designed to be relevant and responsive to **your needs**. Please use these resources and provide feedback.

