



PROGRAM BULLETIN

To: Owners and Managers of Affordable Properties
From: Hope Lanphear, Assistant Director of Leased Housing
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RIHousing is pleased to announce the release of its new Affordable Housing Compliance Manual (“the Manual”). The Manual was developed specifically for owners and managers of rental developments in Rhode Island with affordable housing programs. It was created with the assistance of Costello Compliance, a nationally recognized industry leader and expert in housing compliance. This Manual is effective immediately and replaces our former compliance manual.

After over a year of careful policy development, the new manual now includes HOME, NHTF, and other programs RIHousing monitors. The final version can be found in .pdf format on our website, rihousing.com and attached to this program bulletin.

The Manual discusses the compliance intricacies for developments with multiple affordable layers, the requirements of new affordable programs created in the last several years, and updates to Tax Credit requirements including HOTMA! We are particularly excited about the multiple programs chart, detailed examples along with many realistic scenarios and recommendations that owners and property managers can use to avoid noncompliance.

The Manual reflects some significant changes in policy at RIHousing and we anticipate numerous questions as owners and managers read through this nearly 200-page document. To assist in training ownership and property management staff, RIHousing will be providing a free webinar hosted by Costello Compliance. We recommend and encourage all owners and property managers to register and participate.

Join RIHousing staff and Costello Compliance as we discuss the many new beneficial features of the Manual and what has changed. Completion of this webinar will count towards the required annual training for LIHTC. Time will be allowed in this 3-hour webinar for Q & A with RIHousing and nationally recognized affordable housing expert, Scott Michael Dunn. Bring your questions about the Manual to the team that developed it!

Please use the following link to register for the webinar



For May 7, 2016 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM EDT:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8981321603591607902>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Prior to the webinars, RIHousing staff will be compiling a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) to assist in our training efforts. Please submit any questions you may have to: hlanphear@rihousing.com by April 30th. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the webinar. Questions and answers will be compiled and posted to our website.

Should you have any questions regarding this program bulletin please contact Hope Lanphear at hlanphear@rihousing.com

Attachment: **RIHousing Affordable Housing Compliance Manual**