

HUD CMS Developer Meeting: May 27, 2015; 1:00 pm

After a roll call of the CMS participating in the call, the following topics were discussed:

1. **New Activity Type Reference Values Coming for FY2015 Grants** – New Activity Type reference values are coming soon for the FY2015 HUD Housing Counseling Grants. We anticipate two new activity types for the FY2015 Grants.

HUD processed two separate comprehensive grants for FY 2015:

- **NOFA 2015-1 COMP:** FY 2015 Comprehensive Grant for the second year of applicants that were awarded the NOFA 2014-1 COMP grant.
- **NOFA 2015-2 COMP:** Supplemental FY2015 Comprehensive Grant for applicants that did not participate in the 2014 NOFA.

The 2014 grant process allowed for a 2 year grant application. Those agencies that received a 2014-1 Comprehensive (Comp) Counseling award were pre-approved for an FY 2015 Comprehensive Counseling award. **NOFA 2015-1 Comp** represents the second year, or FY 2015 award, for those agencies.

The **NOFA 2015-2 Comp** represents the supplemental NOFA that was processed in FY2015 for agencies that did not participate in 2014, but wanted to participate for 2015.

Each of these grants are being tracked and reported on separately. Agencies will have to know which grant they will need to report on.

In ARM4 and previous versions of ARM, the 9902 reporting only allowed CMS to report on their All Activities – all housing counseling activities conducted during the reporting period. Agencies that receive a HUD grant must also report on the housing counseling activities that are applicable to their HUD grant. Those agencies had to manually update their 9902 reports in HCS to report on the counseling activities attributed to their HUD grant. ARM5 included updates to allow for this data to be submitted from CMS. The intent is to keep agencies from having to complete manual updates. Some CMS included this when completing their system updates for the new 2015 9902 form. All CMS that support agencies that have HUD grant funding will need to include this feature.

The activity_type_id reference items are found in Reference Group Id 38.

Current values:

- id = 4; All Activities
- id = 7; NOFA 2014-1 COMP
- id = 8; NOFA 2014-2 TRNG

It is anticipated that the following new items will be added to the activity_type_id reference group:

- id = 9; NOFA 2015-1 COMP
- id = 10; NOFA 2015-2 COMP

These cannot be published until HUD makes their grant awards public. We will notify all CMS once the new reference items are available.

Also keep in mind that agencies had 18 months (10/01/2014 – 03/31/2015) to use their FY 2014 award, so some agencies may still be reporting on the 2014 grants as part of their 2015 reporting. Agencies will also have 18 months to use their FY 2015 awards, retroactively starting with 10/01/2014 and going through 03/31/2016). Agencies will not have to resubmit reporting for 2015 qtrs 1 – 2 to account for activities retroactively attributed to the 2015 grants. Since the reporting is cumulative, the activities associated with the 2015 grants should be reported in their 3rd and 4th quarter reports – if applicable.

- 2. ARM 5 Migration to Linux/WebLogic** – We are in the process of migrating ARM 5 to a Linux/WebLogic platform. We expect the new pilot environment to be available to CMS shortly. At that time, the current pilot URL for ARM (<https://armpilot.hud.gov/ARM/ARM>) will point to the new environment. We do not expect this migration to require any changes on the CMS side. However, we are enlisting those CMS that have already upgraded to ARM5 to assist in a testing period. We expect testing to be minimal and to include test submissions for each data submission type. Please email Theresa Houck (theresa.houck@salientfed.com) if you can participate in testing.
- 3. ARM 4 Support Ending** – We expect to end support and retire ARM 4 in July 2015, to coincide with the migration to Linux/WebLogic. If your CMS has not already upgraded to ARM 5, the CMS status will be marked as inactive at that time. Please email Theresa Houck (theresa.houck@salientfed.com) to let us know:
 - the status of your CMS if it has not already been upgraded to ARM5, or
 - if your CMS has upgraded to ARM 5, whether the retirement of ARM4 will affect functionality for your CMS.