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10/01/2024	A referral from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency OIG alleged that a tribal council member misused Indian Housing Block Grant funds which included \$150,000 spent for cosmetic surgery. It was further alleged that HUD funds intended to repair tribal housing was instead diverted to pay for the remodeling of personally owned homes. The complaint was disproved after determining that proper protocols were followed for the disbursement of the funds. The case was closed on October 1, 2024 due to lack of credible allegations.	Allegation Disproved
(b)(7)(E)		
10/02/2024	An anonymous complainant alleged that a public housing authority executive director had written housing authority checks to herself, embezzled money, and was involved in credit card fraud. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on October 2, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
10/02/2024	A referral from the HUD OIG Hotline alleged that a housing authority's employees might have misused Indian Community Development Block Grants and American Rescue Plan funds for their own personal enrichment. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on October 2, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
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10/03/2024	A referral from a district attorney's office alleged that a Housing Choice Voucher Program recipient was underreporting income and committing tax fraud. The investigation disclosed that the subject misrepresented her income to the Housing Authority. The subject was sentenced to pay restitution in the amount of \$22,476. The case was closed on October 3, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
(b)(7)(E)		
10/16/2024	A referral from a representative of a county's Office of Housing and Community Development alleged that individuals had submitted fraudulent applications for emergency housing assistance. The case was closed on October 16, 2024, due to a lack of identifiable subject and witness.	Lack of identifiable subject/witness
10/16/2024	A referral from a county's sheriff's office alleged that a former housing authority executive director misappropriated federal funds by writing checks for personal expenses during her tenure as the executive director. The subject was terminated from her position as executive director but it is unknown if the termination was in connection with the allegations of misappropriating federal funds. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on October 16, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
10/16/2024	An anonymous complaint alleged that housing authority executives were committing non-sanctioned personnel and administrative actions. The case was closed on October 16, 2024, due to lack of evidence and information.	Lack of evidence/information

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10/23/2024	A referral from a HUD field office director alleged that she had received numerous suspicious letters, cards and emails containing threatening language and salacious allegations directed at her. These items were sent to her work email address, her office, her residence and her husband's former office from a former HUD employee. The former HUD employee was sentenced to a first offender diversion program with a no contact order. The case was closed on October 23, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
10/23/2024	A referral from another agency alleged that a mayor's administration was directing HUD Community Development Block Grant funds to specific individuals and entities who were not the best candidates to receive the funds. It was further alleged that grant funds were being used to pay the salaries of city employees for unrelated work. The investigation revealed that the mayor also held the position of the Chairman of the Board and allegedly steered contracts as well as grants/loans derived from HUD funds to his supporters. A subject was ordered to pay a \$5,500 fine and restitution in the amount of \$95,896. The case was closed on October 23, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
10/24/2024	A referral from a financial company alleged that a recently terminated employee, a loan officer, made fraudulent misrepresentations on loan documents for an FHA-insured loan. The investigation revealed that the loan officer created fraudulent asset information to qualify a borrower for a loan that they may not have otherwise been qualified to receive. A subject agreed to pay a settlement to the HUD Departmental Enforcement Center in the amount of \$5,000. The case was closed on October 24, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
10/24/2024	An anonymous complaint alleged that a loan officer deliberately made false statements on mortgage applications to assist homebuyers with obtaining FHA mortgages. The case was closed on October 24, 2024, due to lack of evidence and information.	Lack of evidence/information
(b)(7)(E)		
11/01/2024	A referral from a HUD employee alleged that a HUD appraiser appeared to be engaged in prohibited outside activities and failed to report the outside activity on his confidential financial disclosure. The appraiser's employment with HUD was terminated as a result of his failure to comply with HUD's Supplemental Regulations. The case was referred and closed on November 01, 2024.	Employee Matter Referred
11/01/2024	A referral from a sheriff's office alleged sexual misconduct by a public housing authority landlord. The investigation did not reveal evidence of any Fair Housing Act violations by the landlord. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on November 1, 2024.	Lack of evidence/information

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11/04/2024	A referral from a public housing authority employee alleged that housing authority employees and board of commissioners ignored complaints, may have political connections, and ignored issues concerning Section 8 fraud. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on November 4, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
11/13/2024	A proactive case alleged that an executive director of a housing authority and former government employee manipulated the housing authority board members in approving the executive director to receive a one-time monetary award. The USAO declined this case due to the lack of evidence to support the housing authority's board claim of manipulation. The case was closed on November 13, 2024.	Lack of evidence/information
11/22/2024	A referral from a bank alleged that subjects attempted to purchase FHA-insured homes through short sale by providing forged signatures and other fictitious pre-qualification documents. The investigation revealed that the subject promised foreclosure assistance if borrowers moved out of the property. The subject then moved renters in, collected rental income, and failed to forward the rental income to the mortgage company. The subject was sentenced to 120 months of probation, 160 hours of community service, ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine and restitution in the amount of \$83,066.43. The case was closed on November 22, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
11/26/2024	A referral from the United States Attorney's Office alleged that an individual performing management and maintenance duties at a housing complex had an extensive criminal history and had engaged in sexual misconduct with a tenant. The most serious allegations were that the subject had sex with and supplied drugs to the minor daughter of another female tenant. The case was declined for prosecution and was closed on November 26, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
11/27/2024	A complaint was filed with the HUD OIG Hotline alleging that a landlord appeared to receive favoritism, including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing assistance units. The landlord passed inspections that did not meet housing quality standards and paperwork was manipulated so that he would receive increased financial compensation in addition to receiving housing assistance payments for units with incomplete paperwork. It was further alleged that a housing authority entered into a relationship with the landlord, manipulated paperwork, and falsified move in packages which allowed both the landlord and the housing authority to financially benefit. Once the scheme was reported to their executive director, the agency retaliated against Veterans in the VASH program by making it difficult for them to find housing, stonewalling no less than two Veterans, and terminating their voucher which has left them at risk of homelessness. The case was declined for prosecution due to lack of evidence. The case was closed on November 27, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)

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12/09/2024	<p>A proactive review of financial institution reporting revealed that an individual received \$10,000 through an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) that did not appear to be used appropriately. Furthermore, numerous other co-conspirators of the subject also applied for and received a \$10,000 EIDL. The investigation revealed that the subject and other co-conspirators participated in a large scale EIDL and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) fraud scheme. The subject either submitted or helped submit 167 fraudulent EIDL applications and 83 fraudulent PUA applications. Several of these victims were Housing Choice Voucher Program participants. The total dollar loss requiring repayment via restitution is \$1,117,627.60. Eight subjects were sentenced for the fraud including the following. One subject was sentenced to 36 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$24,797.80. One subject was sentenced to 60 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$14,140. One subject was sentenced to 72 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$908,673, some of which was joint and several. One subject was sentenced to one day in prison, 36 months of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$20,000 jointly and severally with other subjects. One subject was sentenced to 36 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$10,000 jointly and severally with other subjects. One subject was sentenced to 6 months in prison, 48 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$61,404 jointly and severally with another subject. One subject was sentenced to one day in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$42,615, some of which was ordered to be paid jointly and severally with other subjects. One subject was sentenced to 36 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,200. The case was closed on December 9, 2024.</p>	Case Adjudicated
12/10/2024	<p>A referral from the United States Attorney's Office, alleged financial fraud, abuse, neglect, and harm committed by the owners of a non-profit company upon the residents of a homeless shelter. The case was declined for prosecution due to lack of evidence and was closed on December 10, 2024.</p>	<p>Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)</p>
12/10/2024	<p>A referral from the Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of Inspector General (OIG), reported that an individual defrauded the SSA Disability Program from August 1992 to the present, resulting in a loss to SSA of \$221,929. The subject admitted to the fraud during an interview with SSA, when she applied for survivor benefits after the death of her husband on July 20, 2022. The subject additionally admitted that she was committing fraud against HUD for the last 20 to 30 years. From December 2006 to the present, the subject received a total of \$146,360 in housing assistance payments and utility assistance payments from a housing authority. The subject was sentenced to 36 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$369,130.97. The case was closed on December 10, 2024.</p>	Case Adjudicated
12/10/2024	<p>A referral from a housing and community development authority alleged that a Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) participant was receiving HCVP assistance but owned a property that they rented out. Investigation disclosed that the HCVP tenant owned a house that was rented out and failed to disclose their true household income, assets, and household composition. The subject was sentenced to 18 months in prison, 36 months of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$122,753.90. The case was closed on December 10, 2024.</p>	Case Adjudicated

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12/11/2024	A referral from an individual through the hotline alleged that a power and gas company took over a housing authority's natural gas service to defraud the housing authority of funds without their approval. The case was closed on December 11, 2024, due to lack of evidence of criminal activity occurring.	Lack of evidence/information
12/11/2024	A referral from an individual alleged that a Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) recipient fraudulently reported their household composition and income in order to qualify for HCVP assistance. Investigation disclosed that the HCVP recipient did fail to report their true household composition and income. However, the case was declined to be screened for prosecution due to local law enforcement partners stating they would not be pursuing charges due to the amount of time that had passed from when the crime occurred. Due to various other factors, the local law enforcement partner did not believe it would be a strong case for prosecution. The case was closed on December 11, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
12/12/2024	This proactive investigation was initiated to determine if an individual was involved in FHA mortgage fraud and to determine if the purchased property was being used in an illegal marijuana grow operation. Investigation revealed that the subject provided false employment and income information to qualify for an FHA-insured mortgage. The loan officer is the subject of another investigation. The subject was sentenced to 10 days in jail. The case was closed on December 12, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
12/13/2024	A referral from the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) alleged that a company withdrew its HUD-insured loan's escrow balances on questionable terms. The USAO filed criminal charges against the company and its employees related to healthcare fraud. The criminal filing did not include charges related to the escrow withdrawal requests. The USAO declined criminal and civil prosecution related to the HUD escrow withdrawals. The case was closed on December 13, 2024.	No Action Taken
12/17/2024	A referral from an attorney who represented two entities alleged that one of his clients, a company in the business of building affordable housing through an affiliated construction company, had been made aware that one of the company's construction managers had been receiving bribes from a sub-contractor. The case was declined for prosecution based on the known facts of the case. The case was closed on December 17, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)
12/17/2024	A referral from the USAO alleged that a husband and wife who were involved in a prior HUD OIG case where the husband and wife entered into a civil settlement agreement agreeing they had violated the Fair Housing Act and engaged in sexual misconduct with tenants were managing rental real estate in violation of DOJ's October 2021 Consent Decree on their civil case. Additionally, it was alleged that the subjects may have filed applications for rent assistance on tenants that had outstanding rent balances written-off as part of that Decree. Investigation disclosed that the couple was found to be in civil contempt for their involvement with managing real estate. The couple was ordered to pay the Government \$35,600, and declined for prosecution. The case was closed on December 17, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
12/19/2024	A referral from an anonymous complaint alleged that a registered sex offender was living in a unit with a Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) participant. Investigation disclosed there was a registered sex offender living in an HCVP unit and had failed to register at the time he moved in. The subject was sentenced to 24 months of probation. The case was closed on December 19, 2024.	Case Adjudicated

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12/19/2024	A referral from a individual alleged that a housing authority employee had been attempting to extort money from Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) recipients in order to retain their HCVP voucher. The investigation revealed the Subject attempted to extort money from HCV recipients; however, no money was paid to the Housing Authority employee. As a result of the investigation, the subject was sentenced to three years (suspended) and one day in prison and one year probation. The case was closed on December 19, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
12/19/2024	A referral from HUD's Quality Assurance Division alleged that a lender self-reported a possible appraisal/property flipping scheme involving a common set of appraisers and sellers, as well as individuals receiving disbursements from loan proceeds at closing. The properties involved were all in the same geographical area which could indicate market manipulations. Multiple loans were self-reported for this possible scheme. Interviews of FHA loan holders and a review of the files did not support any of the allegations. The case was closed on December 19, 2024.	Lack of evidence/information
12/19/2024	A referral from Social Security Administration OIG, Health and Human Services (HHS) OIG, Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS), the Utah State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), and the United States Attorney's Office alleged that a Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) recipient had been defrauding all the above listed agencies. The investigation disclosed that the subject had assumed the identity of a deceased individual and was receiving housing benefits under the deceased individual's information; receiving SSA benefits under both identities; and receiving benefits under the deceased's individual's information through the Utah DWS, HHS, and SBI. The subject was sentenced to 14 months of home confinement, 40 months of probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$105,301.30. The case was closed on December 19, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
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12/20/2024	A referral from a States Attorney's Office alleged that there were settlement agents who skimmed money off the Form HUD-1 through fraudulent charges that they added to the disbursement's sheets during the settlements. The investigation disclosed that the settlement agents engaged in a scheme to defraud financial institutions, buyers, and sellers. A subject was sentenced to time served and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$622,490.15. The case was closed on December 20, 2024.	Case Adjudicated
12/29/2024	A request from the United States Attorney's Office that HUD OIG look into an apartment building that partially collapsed on May 28, 2023. This collapse received significant media attention. The case was declined for civil or criminal remedies. The case was closed on December 29, 2024.	Prosecution declined or (b)(7)(E)

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12/30/2024	A referral from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Attorney's Office alleged that the owner of an FHA-insured mortgage was involved in illicit narcotics and money laundering activity by paying for the FHA-insured loan with illicit drug proceeds. A review of the subject's known address revealed the home was an active FHA-insured property that had multiple delinquencies and reinstatements. The subject was sentenced to 36 months in prison and 36 months of supervised release. The case was closed on December 30, 2024.	Case Adjudicated