



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Executive Director:

I am writing to give you an update about the implementation of statutory changes to the Micro-Purchase and the Simplified Acquisition Thresholds for Financial Assistance. By a June 20, 2018, Memorandum for Chief Financial Officers and Heads of Small Executive Agencies (M-18-18) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/M-18-18.pdf>), OMB has implemented provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-91 enacted on December 12, 2017). Specifically, section 806 of the NDAA raised the micro-purchase threshold from \$3,500 to \$10,000, and section 805 of NDAA raised the simplified acquisition threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for all grant recipients (Nonfederal entities, as defined in 2 CFR 200.69 (e.g., PHAs)).

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.67 and 200.88, these higher thresholds are typically not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200). In order to allow maximum flexibility for grant recipients, OMB granted an exception under its authority in 2 CFR 200.102 to allow all grant recipients, except where prohibited by statute (e.g., state law with lower simplified acquisition thresholds), to use these higher thresholds effective June 20, 2018. PIH is applying this exception to all grant recipients (e.g. PHAs), and grant recipients should document any change based on this exception in accordance with 2 CFR 200.318 in their general procurement standard procedures.

Should you have any questions on the Micro-Purchase and the Simplified Acquisition Thresholds for Financial Assistance, please send your inquiry to your local Field Office. Thank you for your continued commitment to providing housing to those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominique Blom", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dominique Blom
General Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Public and Indian Housing