Opening Remarks

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What are Emergency Housing Vouchers?

• The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, Section 3202, appropriated $5 billion for:
  o New incremental HCVs to administered by public housing agencies (PHAs)
  o Targeted population that will allow individuals and families to choose and lease safe, decent, and affordable housing;
  o Renewal costs of EHV; and
  o Admin fees for administrative costs and other eligible expenses defined by notice to facilitate leasing of EHV.

• HUD issued PIH Notice 2021-15 Emergency Housing Vouchers-Operating Requirements on May 5, 2021.
What are Emergency Housing Vouchers?

• EHV eligibility is limited to individuals and families who are:
  o Homeless;
  o At-risk of homelessness;
  o Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and
  o Recently homeless, as determined by the Secretary, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family’s homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.
EHV Partnerships and Referrals

- Required partnerships with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and other organizations for direct referrals and services (Pgs. 22-24)
  - PHAs must work with community partners to determine the best use and targeting for EHVds along with other resources available in the community.
  - PHAs must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their community’s CoC to establish a partnership for the administration of the EHVds.
  - All referrals for EHVds must come through the CoC’s Coordinated Entry (CE) System or from a Victims Services Provider
  - CoCs are responsible for determining whether the family qualifies under one of the four eligibility categories for EHVds.
EHV Partnerships & Referrals

- **Admissions process** - Direct referrals from the CoC and other partnering organizations (Pg. 24-27)
  - PHAs must accept referrals for EHV families directly from the Coordinated Entry System or from a Victim Service Provider (VSP) (Page 21)
  - EHV families may additionally be utilized to facilitate an emergency transfer in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as outlined in the PHA’s Emergency Transfer Plan.

- **Required housing search assistance** (Pg. 27)
  - PHAs must ensure housing search assistance is made available to EHV families during their initial housing search.
  - May be provided directly by the PHA, CoC, or another partnering agency or entity.
SNAPS:
Defining an End to Homelessness

• Every community will have a **systematic response** in place that ensures homelessness is **prevented** whenever possible or is otherwise **rare, brief, and non-recurring**.

• Every community will have the capacity to:
  
  • Quickly identify and engage people at-risk of and experiencing homelessness;
  
  • Intervene to prevent the loss of housing and divert people from entering the homelessness services system;
  
  • Provide immediate access to low-barrier shelter and crisis service while permanent stable housing and services are being secured; and,
  
  • When homelessness does occur, quickly connect people to housing assistance and services.
CoC Collaboration

- CoC Collaboration
  - The CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness;
  - Improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness;
  - Improve data collection and performance measurement;
  - Allow each community to tailor its programs to the particular strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community.
Additional Partnerships

• Coordinated Entry
  • streamlined access to a crisis response system
• Victim Services and other community partners
Equity in Emergency Housing Voucher Program

Convene Group
People Experiencing Homelessness
People of Color
Stakeholders
Providers
Decision Makers

Foundational Training
Institutional Racism
Systemic Racism
Implicit Bias
Equity in Emergency Housing Voucher Program

- Data
- Strategize
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Refine
Eligible Fees & Activities

To facilitate and expedite leasing, PHAs that accept an allocation of EHVs will receive fees in addition to the on-going administrative fees.

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<td>PHAs will be awarded $400 per allocated EHV (Page 8).</td>
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<td>PHA will earn $100 once the voucher is initially leased, if the PHA reported the voucher issuance date in the Public Housing Information Center-Next Generation (PIC-NG) system within 14 days of the later of the effective date of the family’s voucher or when the system becomes available for reporting (Pgs. 8-9).</td>
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<td>Placement Fees</td>
<td>• $500 for each EHV family placed under a HAP contract within 4 months of effective date of the ACC funding (beginning on 7/1/2021).</td>
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<td>• $250 for each EHV family placed under a HAP within 6 months after the effective date of the ACC funding (beginning on 7/1/2021) (Pgs. 9-10).</td>
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Service Fees

• **Housing Search Assistance** (Pgs. 11-12)

• **Security/Utility Deposit/Rental Application/Holding Fee Expense Uses** (Pgs. 12-13)
  • Application Fees
  • Holding Fee
  • Security Deposit Assistance Fee
  • Utility Deposit Assistance/Utility Arrears

• **Owner Related Uses** (Pg. 13)
  • Owner Recruitment and Outreach
  • Owner incentive and/or retention payments

• **Other Eligible Uses** (Pg. 13-14)
  • Moving Expenses
  • Renter's insurance, if required by the lease
  • Tenant Readiness Services
  • Household Items
Summary of Waivers & Alternative Requirements

The following waivers and alternative requirements are available in the administration of EHV:

- Covid-19 Waivers (Pg. 22)
- Separate waiting list for EHV referrals/applicants (Pg. 27)
- Local Preferences established by the PHA for HCV admissions do not apply to EHV (Pg. 28-29)
- Restrictions on PHA denial of assistance to an EHV applicant (Pgs. 29-32)
- Income Verifications at admission (Pgs. 33-34)
- Eligibility Determination: Social Security Number and Citizenship Verification (Pgs. 34-35)
Summary of Waivers & Alternative Requirements

The following waivers and alternative requirements are available in the administration of EHV (cont.):

- Inapplicability of Income Targeting Requirements (Pg. 34)
- Use of recently conducted initial income determinations and verification at admissions (Pg. 34-35)
- Pre-inspection of HQS units (Pg. 35)
- Initial Search Term (Pg. 35)
- Initial Lease Term (Pg. 35-36)
- Portability (Pgs. 36-38)
- Payment Standard Amount (Pgs. 38-39)
Allocation Formula

- 70,000 EHV\text{\textit{s}} were awarded to 696 PHAs.

- HUD's allocation formula is designed to direct emergency vouchers to the PHAs operating in areas where the EHV\text{\textit{s}} eligible populations have the greatest need while also taking into account PHA capacity and the requirement to ensure geographic diversity, including rural areas (\textit{Page 3-7}).
Invitation/Acceptance Process

- HUD notified PHAs of the number of EHV allocated on May 10, 2021.
- PHAs will have an opportunity to accept, accept at a lower amount of vouchers (min is 25 or 15), or decline HUD's invitation for EHV.
- PHAs are encouraged to respond to HUDs notification as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days following HUDs notification (May 24, 2021).
- PHAs may subsequently be contacted by HUD to accept or decline the offer of additional EHV if additional EHV become available because other PHAs declined their allocation.
HAP Funding

• Initial funding term runs to 7/1/2021 to the end of Calendar Year (CY) 2022.
• Renewal funding term is on a CY basis.
• Renewal funding based on actual costs, similar to HCV, but renewal funding may be adjusted during the CY for increased costs, etc.
• HAP and Admin fee funding is restricted to EHV (similar to Mainstream).
Voucher Turnover

• After 9/30/23, PHAs may not reissue EHV$s when assistance ends. (Section 13)

• An EHV that has never been issued to a family may be initially issued and leased after 9/30/23.
Reporting Requirements

• EHV will use a new HUD reporting system (PICNG) to collect tenant-level data from the HUD 50058. HUD expects this system to be available during the summer of 2021. In the meantime, PHAs are required to collect and maintain HUD 50058 ("PIC") information for EHV participants.

• HUD will also collect PHA-level program utilization data in the Voucher Management System (VMS).

• HUD is planning to issue a Notice that will cover EHV Reporting and will host a webinar in mid-June (tentatively June 23) to discuss any questions/concerns PHAs may have.

• Technical assistance will be available to support PHAs in adopting the new PICNG system.
PHA Next Steps

- Review the allocation/award letter.
- Meet with your community's CoC and VSPs to review data and decide whether to accept or decline EHV.
- Respond to HUD within 14 days of receipt.
- Collaborate with the CoC and VSPs to develop a 'flexible working' MOU outlining key roles and responsibilities.
- Register for upcoming webinars designed to support key stakeholders through the implementation of EHV.
MOU Requirement

- Notice states that PHAs that agree to accept an allocation must enter into an MOU with a partnering CoC within 30 days of the effective date of the ACC funding increment for EHV (beginning on 7/1/2021).
- An MOU must be established no later than 7/31/2021.
Technical Assistance and Resources

• HUD is rapidly launching technical assistance (TA) to support communities through the implementation of EHVs.

• A series of webinars designed to aide participating communities will be offered via HUD Exchange.

• Additional support via Group Learning, On Call and Direct TA will be available to participating communities.

• HUD established a website dedicated to provide information on the EHV program (www.hud.gov/ehv)

• HUD is also establishing a call center – details coming soon.
# Upcoming TA Webinars

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Resources

Continuum of Care – HUD Exchange
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

Racial Equity Page – HUD Exchange
https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/racial-equity/#covid-19

Coordinated Entry – HUD Exchange
https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5340/coordinated-entry-core-elements/

Domestic Violence - HUD Exchange
Domestic Violence and Homelessness - HUD Exchange

Domestic Violence Housing Technical Assistance Consortium
www.safehousingpartnerships.org

Housing Counseling Program Impact Data Displays
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/9902/data-displays/
Closing Remarks

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Questions, Comments, Concerns, Suggestions?

Refer to:

www.hud.gov/ehv

or

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