HCV Utilization Webinar: Addressing Homelessness Through HCV

DEVELOPMENT

April 20, 2023





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- Today's webinar is being recorded. The recording and PowerPoint will be
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 about a week.
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Agenda

- 1. HCV Implementation Notice
- 2. All In Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness
 - Special Guest: David Gonzalez Rice, Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary
- 3. Current Homelessness Materials
- 4. SPV Updates
 - a. Special Purpose Voucher (SPV) Fact Sheet
 - **b.** Foster Youth Initiative (FYI) and Family Unification Program (FUP)
 - **C.** Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
 - d. Stability Vouchers
 - **e.** HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)



Reminder: 2023 HCV Funding Is BIG



- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 provides a \$2.9 billion increase to the HCV Program.
 - \$2.3 billion (10.5%) increase for Contract Renewals
 - \$367 million (15%) increase in Admin Fees
- This is a historic increase intended to help PHAs adjust to recent inflationary pressures, and grow their programs.
- HUD strongly recommends PHAs use HUD's HCV Utilization Tools to make program adjustments <u>now</u> to account for this substantial funding increase. (Funds not used in 2023 may be subject to offset.)



Recent Milestones in HCV Implementation



- April 4th HUD Issued the 2023 HCV Implementation Notice (PIH 2023-07). This Notice provides explains how HUD will implement the 2023 Appropriation, and how PHAs can apply for additional funding.
- April 7th PHAs received official notification of 2023
 HCV Contract Renewals Eligibility. This is the amount of funds PHAs have available for regular HCV Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

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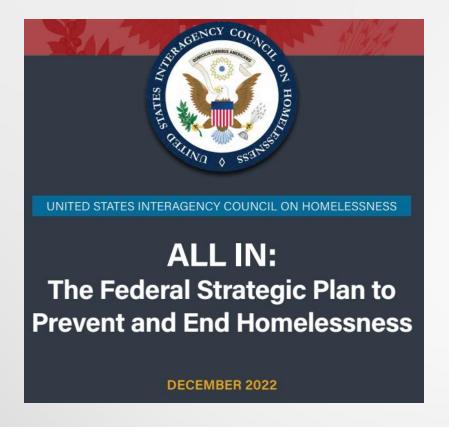


Next Steps for 2023 Funding

- Visit the 2023 Funding Opportunities tab at www.hud.gov/hcv to see what every PHA received in Contract Renewals for 2023. Here you can also find a description of additional funding, and associated deadlines. (First deadline is June 16.)
- Look for an upcoming webinar explaining the Implementation Notice (PIH 2023-07) with more details on how to apply for special provisions. (This year we are using DocuSign to help simplify the process.)
- Make program adjustment now to take advantage of this historic program increase. (Visit the <u>HCV Program Utilization Tools</u> for additional resources, and/or talk to your local PIH Field Office.)

2023 Funding Details





Learn more:

https://www.usich.gov/all-in

Directory of USICH regional staff:

https://www.usich.gov/resources/uplo ads/asset_library/USICH-Senior-Regional-Advisors.pdf





Summary of All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Scale Housing and Supports That Meet Demand

Strategies to increase supply of and access to safe, affordable, and accessible housing and tailored supports for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness:

- Maximize the use of existing federal housing assistance.
- Expand engagement, resources, and incentives for the creation of new safe, affordable, and accessible housing.
- Increase the supply and impact of permanent supportive housing for individuals and families with complex service needs—including unaccompanied, pregnant, and parenting youth and young adults.
- Improve effectiveness of rapid rehousing for individuals and families including unaccompanied, pregnant, and parenting youth and young adults.
- Support enforcement of fair housing and combat other forms of housing discrimination that perpetuate disparities in homelessness.
- Strengthen system capacity to address the needs of people with disabilities and chronic health conditions, including mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders.
- Maximize current resources that can provide voluntary and trauma-informed supportive services and income supports to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Increase the use of practices grounded in evidence in service delivery across all program types.

Improve Effectiveness of Homelessness Response Systems

Strategies to help response systems meet the urgent crisis of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness:

- Spearhead an all-of-government effort to end unsheltered homelessness.
- Evaluate coordinated entry and provide tools and guidance on effective assessment processes that center equity, remove barriers, streamline access, and divert people from homelessness.
- Increase availability of and access to emergency shelter—especially non-congregate shelter—and other temporary accommodations.
- Solidify the relationship between CoCs, public health agencies, and emergency management agencies to improve coordination when future public health emergencies and natural disasters arise.
- Expand the use of "housing problemsolving" approaches for diversion and rapid exit.
- Remove and reduce programmatic, regulatory, and other barriers that systematically delay or deny access to housing for households with the highest needs.

Prevent Homelessness

Strategies to reduce the risk of housing instability for households most likely to experience homelessness:

- Reduce housing instability for households most at risk of experiencing homelessness by increasing availability of and access to meaningful and sustainable employment, education, and other mainstream supportive services, opportunities, and resources.
- Reduce housing instability for families, youth, and single adults with former involvement with or who are directly exiting from publicly funded institutional systems.
- Reduce housing instability among older adults and people with disabilities—including people with mental health conditions and/or with substance use disorders—by increasing access to home and community-based services and housing that is affordable, accessible, and integrated.
- Reduce housing instability for veterans and service members transitioning from military to civilian life.
- Reduce housing instability for American Indian and Alaska Native communities living on and off tribal lands.
- 6. Reduce housing instability among youth and young adults.
- Reduce housing instability among survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence, including family and intimate partner violence



Current Homelessness Materials

- <u>PIH Notice 2013-15</u>: "Guidance on housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs"
- Includes guidance on:
 - Reporting homeless at admission in PIC
 - Adopting a homeless preference
 - Admissions and terminations policies



Special Purpose Vouchers: Working Collaboratively to Achieve Community Goals and End Homelessness

New Resources include:

- Webinar recording with a message from HUD Senior Advisor Dr.
 Richard Cho & PHA Panelists
- An SPV Fact Sheet in English and Spanish
- Go to HUDExchange for more: <u>Special Purpose Vouchers:</u> <u>Working Collaboratively to Achieve Community Goals to End</u> <u>Homelessness - HUD Exchange</u>



Foster Youth To Independence (FYI) & Family Unification Program (FUP) Updates

- On March 15, 2023, HUD published Notice PIH 2023-04, which makes \$30 million available for FYI vouchers on a rolling basis.
- The FY 2022 FUP NOFO will make \$5 million available for new FUP vouchers.
 - HUD expects to publish this NOFO in the coming weeks.
- The FY 2023 FYI Competitive NOFO will make \$10 million available for new FYI vouchers.
 - HUD expects to publish this NOFO later this year.



Foster Youth To Independence



Overview of Notice PIH 2023-04 & The FYI Form Submission Process





NOTICE PIH 2023-04: OVERVIEW

- ➤ On March 15, 2023, HUD issued Notice PIH 2023-04. This notice amends Notice PIH 2021-26. Therefore, HUD is no longer accepting requests for FYI vouchers under Notice PIH 2021-26.
- > A PHA that wishes to request vouchers under this notice must complete the FYI Form located on the FYI webpage.
- ➤ Notice PIH 2023-04 sets forth the process by which PHAs may apply for \$30 million¹ in new incremental voucher assistance.



¹ This \$30 million is made available by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), referred to hereafter as "the 2023 Act," enacted on December 29, 2022, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), enacted on March 15, 2022, and any carryover funding remaining from the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260, referred to hereafter as "the 2021 Act") and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-94, referred to hereafter as "the 2020 Act").



NOTICE PIH 2023-04: OVERVIEW (cont'd)

- > Introduces a New VMS field for Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers.
- Clarifies VMS reporting requirements for FYI Tenant Protection Voucher (TPV) awards made under Notice PIH 2019-20.
- > Adds changes to threshold requirements for PHAs with small FYI/FUP allocations.
- ➤ Allows for PHAs that fall under the utilization threshold to submit a narrative to justify the need for more vouchers based on actual leased or issued vouchers and/or their plan to improve utilization.
- ➤ Clarifies that PHAs must comply with the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) amendments² which provides an extension of the 36-month time limit for up to an additional 24 months if FYI/FUP youth meet certain requirements.



²Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) amendments (Section 103 of Division Q of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260)) which provides, in part, an extension of the 36-month time limit for up to an additional 24 months if FYI/FUP youth meet certain requirements. HUD published an FSHO implementation notice in the Federal Register on January 24, 2022 (87 FR 3570).



NOTICE PIH 2023-04: OVERVIEW (cont'd) PHA's Utilization Threshold Criteria

A PHA that wishes to request vouchers under this notice must complete the FYI Form located on the FYI webpage.

- >PHA currently administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.
 - ➤ The PHA must have an existing ACC with HUD for HCVs.
 - > Nonprofit administrators of HCV mainstream assistance only are ineligible for FYI.
- >PHA's eligibility is based on utilization of existing FUP and/or FYI awards.
 - > At least 90% utilization is required for PHAs that administer 11 or more FYI and/or FUP vouchers.
 - > At least 50% utilization is required for PHAs that administer no more than 10 FYI and/or FUP vouchers.
- > PHA must have a referral of an eligible youth from the partnering PCWA before making a request via the FYI Form for assistance.





NOTICE PIH 2023-04 OVERVIEW (cont'd) Supporting Documentation

Exceptions for PHAs not meeting utilization requirements are in Section 6.B.3.a. and b. of the notice.

- First Exception: Project-Basing FYI and/or FUP
- To be eligible for this exception, **PHAs must submit a copy of their confirmation email** received from **PBVsubmission@hud.gov** in response to the PHA's notification of intent to project-base FYI and/or FUP vouchers, documenting review and approval of required information to:

FYI@hud.gov, with email subject field entitled "PHA Code PBV Confirmation Email"

> The PBV Confirmation Email must be submitted when the PHA submits their request for FYI vouchers via the FYI Form.





NOTICE PIH 2023-04 OVERVIEW (cont'd) Supporting Documentation

Exceptions for PHAs not meeting utilization requirements are in Section 6.B.3.a. and b. of the notice.

- > Second Exception: Families Searching for a Unit
- To be eligible for this exception, **PHAs must submit a narrative** (no more than 2 pages, 12-point font) and provide the reason their agency does not meet the utilization threshold and has a need for FYI vouchers to:

FYI@hud.gov, with email subject field entitled "PHA Code Narrative"

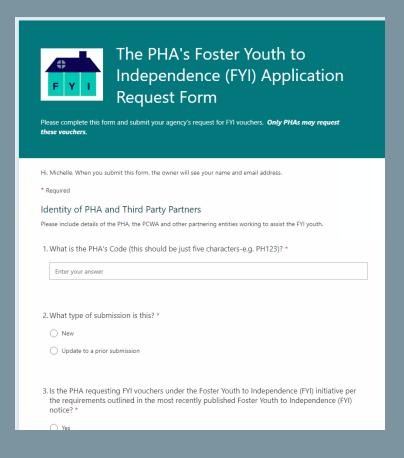
- This narrative will be reviewed and must be to HUD's satisfaction. The content the narrative may include (depending on the PHA's circumstances) is addressed in the notice.
- ➤ The narrative must be submitted when the PHA submits their request for FYI vouchers via the FYI Form.





APPLICATION PROCESS: FYI FORM

• A PHA that wishes to request vouchers under this notice must complete the <u>FYI Form</u> on the <u>FYI webpage</u>.







APPLICATION PROCESS: FYI FORM (cont'd.)

➤ The FYI Form is housed on the **FYI Webpage**. PHAs can click on the link and complete their application. See Section 16. *Application Process* of the notice for more details.

FYI VOUCHERS FOR THE FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE

The Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative makes Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance available to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs). Under FYI, PHAs provide housing assistance on behalf of:

Youth at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age (have not reached their 25th birthday) who left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in Section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

As required by statute, an FYI voucher issued to such a youth may only be used to provide housing assistance for the youth for a maximum of 36 months.

In addition to providing up to 36 months of rental assistance, youth must be provided supportive services to assist the young person on their path to self-sufficiency.

Funding Opportunities

HUD makes FYI available in two ways:

- 1. Non-Competitive: PHAs may request assistance on a rolling basis under Notice PIH 2023-04. See the notice for an explanation of eligibility and application requirements.
 - (New) Please click here, to submit your agency's request using the FYI Application Request Form (only PHAs may submit a request). Google Chrome is the best platform to use this form.
- 2. Competitive: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues this Notice of Funding Opportunity
 (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within the NOFO. Prospective
 applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD
 funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or
 noncompetitive proposal.

Contact Us

If your question has not been answered in the FAQ, you may email your question to FYI@hud.gov

FYI Webinar Presentations

Technical Assistance for PHAs

Voucher Program

Administration, (Recording now available)

Jan. 25, 2022, 2 - 3PM(EST)

Peer-to-Peer Convening:

Jan. 26, 2022, 2 - 3PM(EDT)

Intro to Child Welfare, (Recording now available)

Aug. 17, 2021, 3 - 4PM(EST)

Peer-to-Peer Convening:

Aug. 18, 2021, 2 - 3:00 PM(EST)

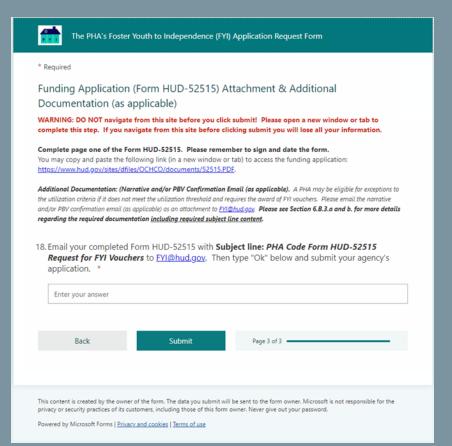
Partnership Development & Maintenance, (Recording now available)





APPLICATION PROCESS: FYI FORM (cont'd.)

- PHAs must confirm submission of Funding Application and, if applicable, supporting documentation related to the utilization requirement before submitting the FYI Form.
- After sending the required items to FYI@hud.gov, PHAs will type "Ok" for their response to the last question (Question #18) and click submit.
- ➤ PHAs will receive a confirmation message once their FYI Form is submitted.







SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Exception To Utilization Requirement (if applicable)

PHAs should review Section 6.B.3.a. and b. of the notice to submit the appropriate documentation.

- If the PHA's response to the utilization question is, "My PHA believes that it does not meet the utilization requirement and therefore, has submitted additional documentation: a narrative and/or PBV confirmation email to FYI@hud.gov with appropriate subject line(s)." please ensure that the PHA sends the corresponding item before submitting the FYI Form:
 - **▶** Project-Basing FYI and/or FUP
 - Send documentation to FYI@hud.gov, Subject Field: "PHA Code PBV Confirmation Email"
 - > Families Searching for a Unit
 - > Send documentation to <u>FYI@hud.gov</u>, Subject Field: "PHA Code Narrative"





FUNDING APPLICATION FORM HUD-52515 SUBMISSION

- >PHAs must submit the funding application (Form HUD-52515) to FYI@hud.gov.
 - ➤ Subject field [PHA Code Form HUD-52515 Request for FYI Vouchers]
 - Form HUD-52515 is accessible at the following link: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/52515.PDF
 - >PHAs should use the Form HUD-52515 with an expiration of July 31, 2022.
 - PHAs may continue to use this existing funding application until there is an updated form available.





FYI RESOURCES

- Notice PIH 2023-04
 - Notice PIH 2023-04 URL:
 - https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2023-04pihn.pdf

FYI Webpage

FYI Webpage URL: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi

FYI Form

- ➤ Please use this form to submit your PHA's request for FYI vouchers through the Non-Competitive process.
 - ➤ Walkthrough Presentation of the FYI Form, March 17, 2023





Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Upcoming Notices (Summer 2023):
 - Sunset and Overleasing
 - EHV Cash Reconciliation and Closeout
- HUD is reviewing data to see if there will be a second revoke/reallocation in 2023 stay tuned
- New dashboard on the EHV website that shows the success rate and average issuance to lease.
 - EHV program success rate is 59% and issuance to lease is 91 days
- New FAQs published 3/22/23
- In February 2023, **HUD reallocated 95 EHVs** that were voluntarily returned or revoked to PHAs in Arkansas, Washington, and California.
- HUD recently published the <u>EHV Roadmap</u>, which is a collection of brief topic guides designed to help PHAs and their partners understand the main components of the EHV program, build strategies to expedite leasing, and ultimately fully utilize funding. This roadmap is a companion to the <u>EHV How-To-Guide</u>.
- To assist with landlord engagement, EHV was added to <u>HUD's HCV Landlord Symposium Toolkit</u>.
- PHAs are creatively using **service fees** to help house individuals and families, but the reporting of service fee expenses is **low at 26% spent.** PHAs are reminded to report their service fee timely.
- New EHV website is coming soon

Stability Vouchers (SV)

- The Stability Voucher (SV) initiative makes Housing Choice Voucher assistance available to PHAs in partnership with local Continuum's of Care and/or Victim Service Providers to help address homelessness.
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) (2021 Act), made available \$43,439,000 for new incremental voucher assistance targeting individuals and families:
 - experiencing or at-risk of homelessness;
 - those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, and
 - veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the proceeding criteria.
- Invitations letters sent to PHA awardees on Monday, April 17th.
- Responses (HUD-52515) due by tomorrow, Friday 4/21

EHV vs. SV

Funding Source

The following chart highlights key differences between the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and the Stability Voucher (SV) program.

appropriation in FY 2021

	EHV	SV
Program Size	\$5 billion, approximately 70,000 vouchers	\$43 million, approximately 3,000 vouchers
Eligible Population	Individuals or families who are 1) homeless; 2) At risk of homelessness; 3) Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; 4) Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability	Individuals and families who are 1) homeless; 2) At risk of homelessness; 3) Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking; 4) Veterans and families that include a veteran family that meet one of the preceding criteria (1-3)
	Funding for the program currently ends on	Funding through annual appropriations. Initial

September 30, 2030. Turnover vouchers cannot

be re-issued after September 30, 2023

EHV vs. SV

The following chart highlights key differences between the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and the Stability Voucher (SV) program.

	EHV	SV
Admissions Process	Admissions processed through referrals from Continuum of Care (CoC) or other partnering organizations, and emergency transfers in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	Admissions processed through referrals from Continuum of Care (CoC) or other partnering organizations, and emergency transfers in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
Awards Process	70,000 EHVs awarded by formula on May 10, 2021. Program implementation effective July 1, 2021.	Relative to applications received, HUD's first priority for award will be provided to PHAs in communities selected under HUD's FR-6500-N-25S who demonstrate a commitment to partner with the CoC(s) serving the PHA's geographic area to pair SVs with services available in the community.

EHV vs. SV (cont.)

The following chart highlights key differences between the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and the Stability Voucher (SV) program.

Increase in payment standard during HAP contract

term

	EHV	SV
Alternative requirements	 Referrals via CoC partnership Separate EHV waiting list Separate preferences Housing search assistance requirement Alternative criteria for denial of admission Extended initial search term No restrictions on portability during first program year Separate, higher payment standards 	 Referrals via CoC partnership Separate SPV waiting list Separate preferences Alternative criteria for denial of admission Extended initial search term No restrictions on portability during first program year Separate, higher payment standards
Optional waivers	 Criminal screening criteria Income verification hierarchy Citizenship verification documentation Pre-inspection of HQS units Income targeting Reduced initial lease term 	 Criminal screening criteria Income verification hierarchy Citizenship verification documentation Income targeting Reduced initial lease term

Increase in payment standard during HAP contract

term

EHV vs. SV (cont.)

The following chart highlights key differences between the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and the Stability Voucher (SV) program.

	EHV	SV
Project-Basing	Project-basing not permitted	Vouchers can be project-based, alternative requirement permitting separate SV waiting list for PBV units
Relevant Notices & Additional Information	PIH Notice 2021-15 PIH Notice 2021-20 PIH Notice 2021-25 PIH Notice 2022-06 PIH Notice 2022-22 https://www.hud.gov/ehv	PIH Notice 2023-09

HUD-VASH

- Registration of Interest for HUD-VASH Vouchers announcing the availability of \$94.4 million in HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) funding to support approximately 11,000 new VASH vouchers.
- These vouchers are administered in partnership with the U.S.
 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and enable homeless
 veterans and their families to access affordable housing with an
 array of supportive services.
- PHAs interested in registering interest must submit a completed online Registration of Interest form (available on the HUD-VASH webpage) with a Letter of Support from their partnering VAMC no later than midnight in the time zone of the PHA by Monday, May 10, 2023
- HUD is planning a second ROI Notice in the summer
- HUD will also publish a separate Notice announcing availability of \$10 Million
- Questions or concerns: VASH@hud.gov



Reminders

HUD has been working to improve the Homelessness resources available to PHAs, in case you missed it here are a few important items:

- <u>EHV Office Hours</u> EHV Office Hours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3pm EST. <u>Click here to join the meeting.</u>
- Emergency Housing Voucher Success Stories
- Upcoming Webinars

Introduction to the Housing Mobility Toolkit (April 26, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST)

A new technical assistance resource, the Housing Mobility Toolkit, is available for PHAs interested in implementing housing mobility programs. This webinar will provide an introduction and overview on the Housing Mobility Toolkit. Registration Link

- Recorded Webinar and SPV Resources <u>Special Purpose Vouchers: Working</u>
 <u>Collaboratively to Achieve Community Goals to End Homelessness HUD Exchange</u>
- All of this is available at www.hud.gov/hcv.



