



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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

May 7, 2021

Dear Executive Director:

I am pleased to notify you that your public housing agency (PHA) has been selected to receive Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) and funding as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (Public Law No: 117-2). ARPA allowed the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allocate vouchers to PHAs non-competitively to house individuals and families who are:

- homeless,
- at risk of homelessness,
- fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
- recently homeless.

This significant investment offers communities a unique opportunity to employ vouchers in a creative, equitable fashion while working with community partners to increase housing opportunities and provide rental assistance to address homelessness and instability.

On May 5, 2021, HUD published PIH Notice 2021-15(HA) that sets forth the operating requirements of EHVs. HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing will host a webinar to provide an overview of this notice and to provide you with the opportunity to ask questions on May 11, 2021 from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT. We encourage you to invite partners from your community's Continuum of Care (CoC) and Victim Service Network to join this webinar and the webinar that is scheduled for CoCs on May 12, 2021. We look forward to your participation.

On or before May 10, 2021, you will receive detailed information on the number of vouchers your agency is eligible to receive and you will be asked to accept, partially accept, or reject the vouchers.

Instructions for May 11 Webinar

Step 1: Dial into the conference.

Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694

Access Code: 9006592##

If the automated recording indicates the conference is full, please use overflow information:

Access code: 9976334##

Step 2: Join the conference on your computer.

Entry Link: <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/838559>

PHAs are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the waivers/alternative requirements, flexibilities, eligible fees, and services. A recorded version of the live webinar will be available for viewing at www.hud.gov/ehv.

Additional technical assistance (TA) opportunities will be offered to participating communities to aide in the implementation of EHV's to include webinars, products, group learning, on-call and direct TA. Planned upcoming webinars are provided in the table below.

We look forward to working with you on the EHV program.

Sincerely,

David A. Vargas
Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary
For Public Housing and Voucher Programs

Register for Upcoming EHV Webinars

Date/Time (EDT)	TA Topic	Overview	Registration Link
May 12 th 2:30PM - 4PM EDT	EHV Overview for CoCs	HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development will provide an overview to CoC's and their partners on EHV's. Attendees will gain an understanding of eligible population, roles, responsibilities and flexibilities afforded to local communities to aide in leasing eligible households.	Invitations to be sent directly to CoC Leadership
May 13 th 3PM – 4:30PM EDT	Partnerships for EHV's	Attendees will be able to identify key partners and their roles, and be prepared to engage with key partners to initiate planning for	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E7S1AuFtQz-i7muqZw4jdg

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		implementation of EHV's.	
May 18 th 3PM – 4:30PM EDT	Strategy for Targeting EHV's and Related Resources	Attendees will be equipped to have inclusive conversations locally about the most strategic ways to target vouchers, services funding, and other resources based on local needs.	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2WA4qkDYTLS1dVEKx8fiOw
May 20 th 3PM – 4:30PM EDT	Pairing Services & EHV's	Attendees will be able to identify ways they can use waivers allowable per the EHV notice to expedite lease ups, serve people that they may not have been able to connect with PHA resources before, and ensure that EHV's are successful in serving the priority populations identified by the community.	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ymqi1sqsSjCxKs06GfEt7g
May 25 th 3PM – 4:30PM EDT	Coordinated Entry and EHV's	Attendees will be equipped to develop or update coordinated entry policies and processes around assessing households from eligible and prioritized populations and making direct referrals to PHAs. Attendees will be able to identify opportunities to increase CE capacity to handle EHV referrals and strategies for expediting referrals.	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hd5-Yy3tTXCX9GVuc7uwYg
June 1 st 3PM - 4:30PM EDT	Making the Most of EHV Waivers	Attendees will have an understanding of the expectations and options for services related to EHV's. Attendees will be prepared to work with local stakeholders to plan for ways to pair short and/or long-term services with EHV's, depending on the population selected, local needs, and resources that are available.	https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0bbXPY3HRVafcyHY_txn1g