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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts HCV Dashboard Demonstration Webinar

This week on the [HCV Data Dashboard](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted a [recorded webinar](#) of the HCV dashboard demonstration. The 57-minute video provides an in-depth demonstration of how to use the HCV dashboard for public housing authorities, research organizations, and advocacy groups.

The HCV data dashboard, launched in February 2020, provides an overview of the HCV program at the PHA, national, and state levels. The tool includes aggregate data from budget and leasing utilization, reserve balances, attrition, program admissions, and vouchers on the street, per unit cost trends, leasing potential, project-based vouchers, comparative analysis of budget and reserves, and comparative analysis of leasing and per unit cost.

You'll find the dashboard and related resources on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

HUD Posts Emergency Housing Vouchers Webinars Materials

Yesterday on the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD [announced](#) that it has posted the training materials for the first two webinars of its Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) webinar series:

- The [Partnerships for EHVs](#) webinar, held on May 13, 2021, helped participants to identify key partners and their roles and prepare to engage with key partners to initiate planning for implementation of EHVs.
- The [Strategy for Targeting EHVs and Related Resources](#) webinar, held on May 18, 2021, taught attendees how to have inclusive conversations locally about the most strategic ways to target vouchers, services funding, and other resources based on local needs.

The materials for each session include recordings of the training, transcripts, and copies of the slides presented during the webcast. The purpose of the webinar series is to help local PHAs and Continuums of Care (CoCs) prepare for EHVs.

GENERAL NEWS

Assisted Housing Residents May Qualify for Emergency Broadband Benefit

On May 12, 2021, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) launched the [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) (EBB) program to help recipients of federal public housing assistance and other qualifying households who are struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms, and more.

According to the program webpage, the EBB will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The EBB is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

This is a temporary program, which will end either when funding is exhausted or six months after the Department of Health of Human Services ([HHS](#)) declares the end of the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

For more information, including eligibility criteria, [FAQs](#), and how to apply, visit the [EBB website](#). You can also watch the [FCC's New Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Overview](#) webinar, held on April 27, 2021, as part of HUD [ConnectHome](#) initiative.

NMA NEWS

NMA Opens 2021 Housing Award Contest

[Nan McKay and Associates \(NMA\)](#) announced that it is now accepting entries for the 2021 [NMA Housing Awards](#). This year small PHAs and large PHAs will be able to compete separately for awards in two categories:

- NMA Development Award
- NMA Resident Service Award

The deadline for entries is **June 30**. Winners of the awards will be honored at a virtual event in August. For details about the contest, including how to enter, click [here](#).



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