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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Awards \$1.1 Billion in Emergency Housing Vouchers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced the allocation of the first part of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHVs](#)) that will assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Specifically, HUD is awarding \$1.1 billion (70,000 vouchers) to 626 PHAs administering the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program. These funds come from the [\\$5 billion that the ARP Act enabled HUD to allocate](#) in additional vouchers.

According to the press release, HUD allocated these vouchers to communities with the greatest need for EHV and where local housing authorities demonstrated capacity to administer the assistance. The EHV program serves geographically diverse housing needs, from high-cost urban areas to a large number of rural communities. On May 10, 2021, HUD notified PHAs of their eligibility and projected funding. The awards announced yesterday are based on PHAs that accepted the EHV. Click [here](#) to see the updated list of awardees.

The \$1.1 billion in EHV will cover the cost of vouchers and related administrative costs, including up-front costs needed to stand up the program, for an initial 18-month period. Thereafter, HUD will provide annual funding to cover the cost of renewals in 12-month increments through September 30, 2030, or until the \$5 billion ARP allocation runs out, whichever comes first.

EHV funding gives communities significant resources to assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or who were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability. EHV help individuals and families find and remain in housing.



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