

# EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS (EHVs)

## What are Emergency Housing Vouchers?

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to assist 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
- - Were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability

## Who is eligible to receive an Emergency Housing Voucher?

EHV's are to assist individuals and families 1) who are experiencing homelessness; 2) at risk of experiencing homelessness; 3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or 4) were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

## How can I apply for an Emergency Housing Voucher?

The availability of these vouchers is managed through a **direct referral process**. HUD is requiring referrals through the community's coordinated entry system with priority given to those who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness.

ECC has partnered with Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) for referrals to the Emergency Voucher Program. ECC/HANH and the CoC have committed to administering the housing vouchers in accordance with program requirements identified by HUD.

Applications are not available through Elm City Communities, but are currently open with CoC.

If you believe you may be eligible or for additional information, please call 211.

### **How many Emergency Housing Vouchers were provided to Elm City Communities?**

ECC/HANH was allocated 37 emergency housing vouchers.

### **HUD References**

<https://www.hud.gov/ehv>

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2021-15.pdf>