

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)

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EHV Basics

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, appropriated \$5 billion for new EHVs
- EHVs are tenant-based rental assistance...HCVs
- Turnover EHVs sunset after September 2023
- Some administrative fees are incentivized and pro-rated based on leasing speed
- \$3,500 per voucher for eligible services



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EHV Award Process





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Who is Eligible?

EHV eligibility is limited to individuals and 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; or
4. Recently homeless, as determined by HUD, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability



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HUD Requirements

- Partnerships and MOU with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and other organizations for direct referrals, services, and administration of the EHV – **deadline for MOU is 7/31/2021**
- All referrals for EHV must come through the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) System or from a Victims Services Provider
- CoCs are responsible for determining applicant eligibility and priority



Eligible Fees & Funding

EHV Eligible Fees		
Category	Effective Date	Fee Amount
Preliminary Fee	6/1/2021	\$206,000
Placement/Issuance Reporting Fee*	After Reporting Received by HUD	\$257,500
Administrative Fee	7/1/2021	\$818,916
Service Fee	6/1/2021	\$1,802,500
Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)	7/1/2021	\$10,190,700

* Incentive-based fee



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Unique Conditions

1. Covid-19 Waivers apply
2. Separate waiting list for EHVs referrals/applicants
3. Local Preferences established by the PHA for HCV admissions do not apply to EHVs
4. Minimum criminal background screening of meth production and sex offender status
5. Modified income and citizenship verification requirements
6. Pre-inspection of HQS units
7. Initial Search Term – 120 days
8. Initial Lease Term – can be less than 12 months
9. Portability – no restrictions, can port immediately
10. Payment Standard Amount – can go up to 120%



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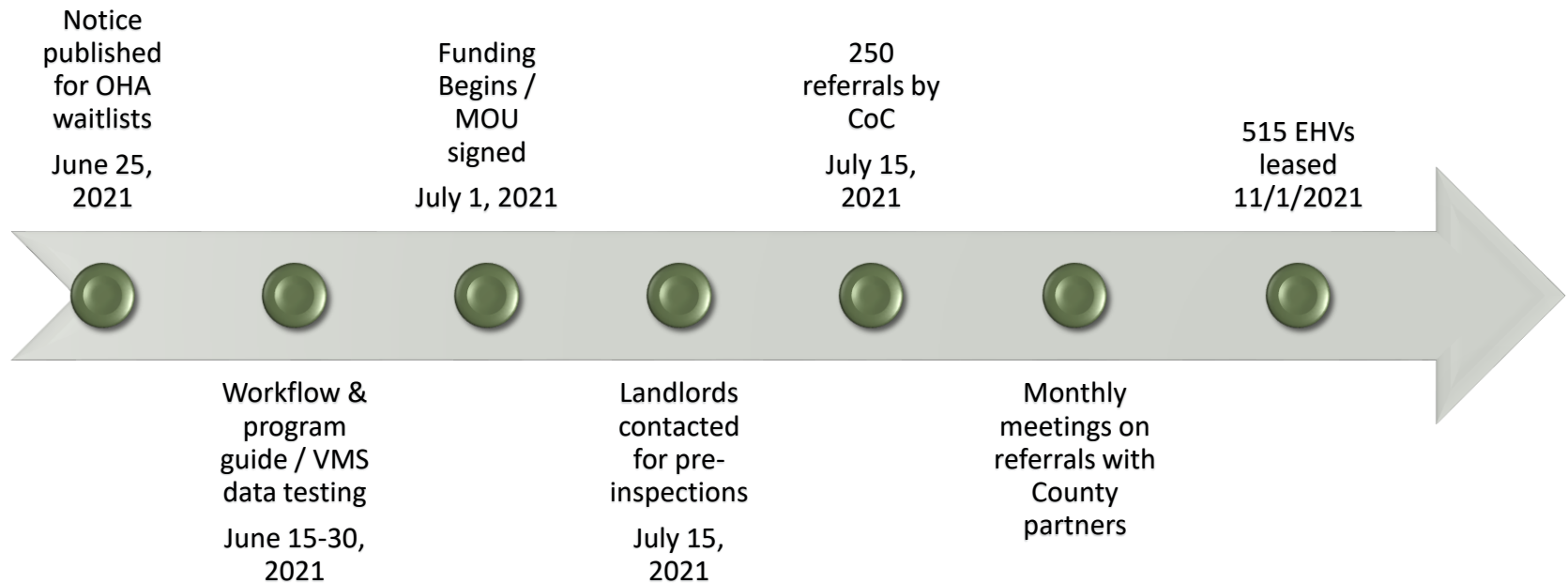
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Timeline





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Outreach Campaign

- Staff will outreach to owners and EHV referral families using conventional and new, customized outreach methods
- Designated an exclusive EHV team to assist applicants, participants, and owners





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Community Supports

CoC provided:

- Housing Search Assistance
- Housing Deposit Assistance
- Landlord Liaison
- Tenancy Support Services
- Referrals for Services

OHA provided:

- New Landlord bonus
- Bonus for re-leasing/HAP renewal
- Leasing incentive for Oct. 31
- Sustained tenancy bonus after 6 months and one year



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Status Updates

Staff to provide monthly updates regarding:

- the status of the EHV's,
- the approval of MTW and other waivers for EHV's, or
- award of additional vouchers





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Questions

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