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New FAQ on Emergency Housing Vouchers

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Emergency Housing Vouchers
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July 6, 2021
What are Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)?

- The American Rescue Plan appropriated $5 billion (about 70,000 vouchers) for EHV.
- Eligible PHAs will receive fees for expanded services.
- PHAs must collaborate with community partners, primarily the local Continuum of Care (CoC).
- Families are eligible if they are (1) homeless (2) at-risk of homeless (3) recently homeless and providing the voucher would prevent homelessness or housing instability or (4) fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
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) in order to assist individuals and families who are: 

**EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS**

List of EHV Awardees (MS EXCEL)
Are EHV$s like Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers?

- Administered by HUD via local PHAs
- Tenant-based rental assistance
- Participants use the voucher to lease up in the private rental market
- Regular HCV statutory and regulatory requirements apply unless waived
- PHAs required to report household and financial data

- PHAs must work with CoCs and other service providers
- Housing search assistance is required
- Mandatory policies to facilitate admissions and leasing
- Other waivers including flexibility to verify income and immigration status
- After September 30, 2023, PHA may not reissue turnover voucher
NHLP’s EHV FAQs and Advocacy Tips

  EHV guidance for victim service providers
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/14cWYGn8hDDCFHPynyCscui_EiUcDdP6IVQI7_J1M_DI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14cWYGn8hDDCFHPynyCscui_EiUcDdP6IVQI7_J1M_DI/edit?usp=sharing)

HUD’s EHV website

- [www.hud.gov/ehv](http://www.hud.gov/ehv)

HUD Notice PIH 2021-15


HUD Notice PIH 2021-20


HUD FAQs (June 9, 20210):

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July 6, 2021, HoUSed Campaign National Call

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- Comprehensive report on Michigan eviction law, policy, and trends
- Analyzed statewide eviction case filing data (2014-2018)
- Key finding: 17% eviction filing rate
- Policy recommendations at the eve of the pandemic

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Jim Schaafsma, Michigan Poverty Law Program
Margi Dewar, Professor of Urban Planning Emerita, University of Michigan
Reducing Michigan Evictions: The Pandemic and Beyond (June 2021)

- Statewide filing & eviction data
- Policy updates & recommendations in the following areas:
  - Moratoriums
  - Emergency Rental Assistance
  - Eviction Diversion Programs and Right to Counsel
  - Eviction Procedure Changes
  - Eviction data
  - Tenant Organizing
  - Housing Affordability

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Robert Gillett, Attorney and Chair, Housing Committee, State Planning Body
May: 7,011
June (to 6/23): 4,472

May: 13%
June (to 6/23): 15%

Note: The cases resulting in evictions are often not the cases filed that month because decisions may not occur in the same month. Source: SCAO, "Eviction Rate," last modified May 4, 2021, https://courts.michigan.gov/News-Events/covid19-resources/Documents/Eviction%20Rate.pdf.
Resources

Links to all project products (reports, policy briefs, tract-level filing rate map): https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/rgoodspe/evictions?authuser=1

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ERASE Request for Proposals
July 6, 2021
To prepare for the end of the moratorium, NLIHC is asking state partners, local jurisdictions, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) administrators to focus on three key areas to ensure that ERAP is **visible, accessible, and preventive**:

1. **Visible**: Conduct equitable and robust marketing and outreach efforts to ensure that all landlords and low-income renters know about the Emergency Rental Arrears Program (ERAP) and how to access it in their community.

2. **Accessible**: Support access to and disbursement of financial support to landlords and tenants by ensuring an accessible, streamlined, and low-barrier ERAP application process.

3. **Preventive**: Prevent housing displacement by creating formal partnerships with your state and/or local court to support eviction prevention and eviction diversion in coordination with ERAP.
# RFP Goals and Activities

## Influence programs to accelerate use of funds

- Convening partners to support program planning, design and address system barriers in real time.
- Educate program administrators and others on emerging, innovative, and best practices.
- Enhance marketing and outreach efforts and center equity in program design.
- Provide technical assistance.
- Build public and political will.

## Support eviction prevention and diversion

- Advance strategies, legislation and policy that promote tenant protections, eviction diversion and prevention.
- Hold education sessions with court staff to ensure they are up to date on eviction procedures.
- Monitor and track eviction filings and ensure eviction diversion policy is being implemented as intended.

## Transparency through data

- Create and utilize a data dashboard and/or program scorecard.
- Using data to develop and share best practices.
- Conduct qualitative interviews, surveys. Story telling and other activities to understand the impact of COVID 19, ERA and eviction prevention and diversion activities on low-income renters.
RFP Timeline

- One-year awards will range from $60,000 - $80,000
- RFP Release Date: July 6, 2021
- Proposal Due Date: July 20, 2021
- Award Notification Date: July 30, 2022
- Proposed Start Date: August 1, 2021
- Submit completed proposals to eraseproject@nlihc.org
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