



**Orange County
Continuum of Care Board
Special Meeting
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Emergency Housing Vouchers

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Overview of 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) in order to assist individuals and families who are:

- Experiencing Homeless,
- At risk of homelessness,
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
- Were recently homeless or have a high-risk of housing instability.

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PHAs Required Partnership with the CoC

- HUD is establishing an alternative requirement under which the PHA must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CoC to establish a partnership for the administration of the EHV's
- The MOU is a complete statement of the responsibilities of the parties and evidence of a commitment of resources to the EHV program
- The primary responsibility of the CoC under the MOU is to make direct referrals of qualifying individuals and families to the PHA

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MOU between CoC and PHAs Minimum Requirements

- Commitment to administering the EHV in partnership
- Goals and standards of success in administering the EHV
- Point person for each organization that will serve as EHV liaison
- A statement that all parties agree to cooperate with any program evaluation efforts
- The specific population eligible for the EHV assistance that will be referred to the PHA by the CoC
- The supportive services, including financial assistance, that will be provided to assist EHV participants and who will provide them
- The roles and responsibilities of the PHA and CoC

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Recommended Actions

- b. Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Orange County Housing Authority
- c. Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Santa Ana Housing Authority
- d. Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Anaheim Housing Authority
- e. Approve the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU between the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Administrative Entity, and the Garden Grove Housing Authority

