



EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

What are Emergency Housing Vouchers?

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is a new rental assistance program serving low-income families across the country. EHV helps families locate rental housing and provides financial assistance to make their rent affordable. The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) will administer the EHV program in San Bernardino County.

Who is eligible?

Families must be **low-income** and meet at least one of the following categories:

1. Homeless
2. At risk of being homeless
3. Fleeing or attempting to flee:
 - a. Domestic violence;
 - b. Dating violence;
 - c. Sexual assault;
 - d. Stalking; and/or
 - e. Human trafficking
4. Recently homeless, and rental assistance will prevent a return to homelessness or high risk of housing instability.

How does the program work?

There are several steps to receiving EHV assistance:

- The family must be referred to HACSB through the County of San Bernardino's Coordinated Entry System or other partner agency. The referring agency will confirm that the family meets one of the four categories described above.
- HACSB determines eligibility for EHV assistance.
- The family selects a unit to lease from a private landlord. Assistance will be available to help families locate a home.
- The unit must pass a housing quality inspection, and the rent must be reasonable. If the unit passes inspection and the rent is reasonable, the family may lease the unit.
- The family will pay a portion of the rent to the landlord (typically 30% of their income) and HACSB pays the remaining rent to the landlord.

When will the Housing Authority start serving families through this program?

More information is still being provided to housing authorities to help them prepare to launch the EHV program. We expect to start serving families through EHV in late summer of 2021.

How many families will be served?

HACSB is authorized to serve up to 455 families through EHV.

How do I apply?

Families must be referred to the Housing Authority by the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (COC) through the Coordinated Entry System or through another partner agency. Please visit our website, www.hacsb.com, for more information.