



Emergency Housing Vouchers: Service Funding Opportunity

Overview of Vouchers, Funding, and Service Needs

Agenda

- MSHDA's EHV Allocation and Distribution
- Eligible Populations and Services
- MOU: Partnerships and Expectations
- Identifying a Service Provider
- Waiver Considerations
- Areas of EHV Overlap
- Next Steps

MSHDA's EHV Allocation

- Michigan received a total of 1,079 vouchers
- **MSHDA received 779 vouchers to distribute statewide**
- The remainder are allocated to other PHAs who can choose to keep them or have them reallocated
- MSHDA's EHV's will be distributed based on current voucher allocations and homeless preference waitlist numbers
- EHV's will be released in June and prioritized for leasing by the end of 2021
- Service funds are available based on voucher distribution

MSHDA's EHV Allocation

Each voucher includes \$3,500 for services

- \$500 to Housing Agent
- \$3,000 to Service Provider
 - Anticipate 70% to Staffing and 30% to Financial Assistance
 - Staffing support available to vouchers through first year following lease up
 - Consider ESG-CV for staffing
- Financial bonuses to Housing Agent for each lease up completed in less than 6 months

Eligible EHV Populations and Services

Populations

Individuals and Families who are:

- Homeless
- At-Risk of Homelessness*
- Fleeing or Attempting to Flee DV
- Recently Homeless

HARAs will be able to add names to the EHV referral list

***MSHDA will provide eligibility document for new households added**

Services

Case Management:

- Documentation Support
- Housing Search
- Owner Engagement

Financial Assistance:

- Application Fees
- Rental Insurance
- Utility Hook-Up Fees and Deposits
- Furnishings and Moving Costs

MOU: Partnerships and Expectations

CoC/Local Planning Body (LPB)

- Inform and support Coordinated Entry System (CES) to build the EHV referral list
- Create and notify all partners of EHV referral prioritization factors
- Refer eligible households
- Support owner outreach

Housing Agent

- Attend start-up meetings with CoC/LPB and Service Provider
- Commit resources for inspections and voucher issuance process
- Coordinate briefings
- Conduct owner outreach
- Employ available waivers to expedite lease-up

MOU: Partnerships and Expectations

Service Provider

- Attend start-up meetings with CoC/LPB and Housing Agent
- Commit resources to assist households with application process and case management
- Connect households with available mainstream benefits
- Secure eligible funds for security deposits (i.e. ESG-CV, SER)
- Conduct owner outreach

MSHDA

- Coordinate and consult with CoC/LPB in developing services
- Accept referrals from the CES
- Encourage participant enrollment in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)
- Complete reporting requirements to HUD

Guidance for Choosing a Service Provider

Make sure your CoC and LPB is reviewing the following considerations when selecting a Service Provider:

Capacity

- Staffing – Current and Needed Positions
- Access to Other Funds
- Current Service Demands

Experience

- Housing Search and Owner Engagement
- Case Management

Waiver Considerations

- Relaxed Criminal Screenings
- Prohibitions on other reasons for applicant denials
- Self-certification of income, assets and expenses vs. third-party verification
- Self-certification of SSN, eligible noncitizen status and date of birth
- PHA may accept owner certification that unit complies with HQS in lieu of the HQS (HUD COVID-19 waiver)
- Can assist individuals/families up to 80% of AMI
- Higher Payment Standard – up to 120% of Fair Market Rent
- No residency preference

Areas of EHV Overlap

The following PHAs have the option to accept EHV's and will be engaging with CoCs and LPBs directly:

- Ann Arbor Housing Commission (29)
- Battle Creek Housing Commission (16)
- Detroit Housing Commission (99)
- Grand Rapids Housing Commission (42)
- Lansing Housing Commission (32)
- Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission (15)
- Plymouth Housing Commission (46)
- Saginaw Housing Commission (21)

[Contact Information for PHAs](#)

Next Steps

- Hold local meetings to strengthen partnerships and processes
- Select a Service Provider by Friday, June 11
- Determine budget line amounts for Case Management and Financial Assistance
- Complete MOU signatures by June 25
- Anticipate draws as soon as the 3rd week of June

Questions?

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Resources:

- HUD - www.hud.gov/ehv
- Allocations, Documents, and FAQ will be provided