



HUD EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

Utilization Approach

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Program Overview

- The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- HUD allocated City of Tucson 152 housing choice vouchers for Tucson and 30 for Pima County for total of 202 vouchers.
- HCD **must** work with the Continuum of Care for Tucson/Pima County to establish referral process through the Coordinated Entry system to assist individuals and families who are:
 - 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.



DEFINITIONS

The **Continuum of Care (CoC)** is a local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless individuals and families. The CoC Program is designed to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Provide funding for efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families and minimize the trauma and dislocation that homelessness causes for individuals, families, and communities;
- Promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

For Tucson and Pima County the CoC is Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH)

Coordinated Entry System (CE)

The Coordinated Entry (CE) process is an approach to coordination and management of a crisis response system's resources that allows users to make consistent decisions, based on available information, to efficiently and effectively connect people to housing and service interventions that will rapidly end their homelessness.

PROJECT IMPACT



Responding to Domestic Abuse

50 households fleeing domestic abuse receive EHV assistance.



Responding to Homelessness Among People with Moderate Service Needs

Approximately 52 unsheltered or temporarily sheltered households with moderate service needs receive EHV assistance.



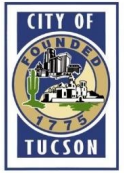
Unlocking Service Rich Housing for High Needs Households

Approximately 100 recently homeless households enrolled in rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing programs receive EHV assistance, creating vacancy within service-rich permanent supportive and rapid rehousing projects for persons with higher service needs.

Net Results

202 homeless, at-risk, and recently homeless households obtain Emergency Housing Vouchers

75-100 higher needs households obtain service-rich rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing assistance.



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Memorandum of Understanding

- Between City of Tucson and Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH); the Continuum of Care for Tucson & Pima County.
- MOU Includes:
 - Goals
 - Identifies the EHV Liaisons
 - Populations Eligible to be Referred by CoC for EHV Assistance
 - Services to be provided to eligible EHV households
 - TPCH Role and Responsibilities
 - PHA Role & Responsibilities
- TPCH Board approved the MOU on 6/15/21
- Separate MOU with Emerge! Center for Domestic Violence



Unique Design to EHV

- Screening Criteria
 - Homeless Certification
 - Reduced criminal background screening
- Housing Search Assistance Provided
- Increased Payment Standard
- Pre-Inspections
- Additional Fees to PHA for lease up and move-in costs