

ADMINISTRATION OF EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

Nationwide, HUD has created a new Section 8 Voucher program called Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. It 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:

- 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.

GHA received 225 vouchers. This program is not meant to serve people on the current Section 8 Waiting List, unless they go through the referral process established in the MOU.

A. Per PIH Notice 2021-15, GHA will accept referrals from CoC Partners.

- i. Appointment Letters and application packet will be sent to all the applicants, identified in the referrals sent by CoCs.
- ii. After the eligibility interview, GHA will then follow the same exact procedures GHA uses for the regular Housing Choice Voucher program admissions.
 - a. Applicants will be scheduled for briefings and voucher issuance.
 - b. Program will be explained in detail and maximum rents will be calculated and disclosed.
 - c. Request For Tenancy Approval (RFTA) will be issued to applicants for the property owner to complete once a unit is located.
 - d. Once GHA receives the RFTA, GHA will schedule an HQS inspection of the unit.
 - e. Once the inspection passes, GHA will execute a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract.