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 - Targeted population that will allow individuals and families to choose and lease safe, decent, and affordable housing;
 - Renewal costs of EHV; and
 - Admin fees for administrative costs and other eligible expenses defined by notice to facilitate leasing of EHV.
- HUD issued PIH Notice 2021-15 Emergency Housing Vouchers- Operating Requirements on May 5, 2021 at www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2021-15.pdf.





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Alaska's Allocation: 194 Vouchers

- 97 Anchorage
- 97 Balance of State
 - Distribution based on HMIS Emergency Shelter and Unsheltered data
 - Also targeting regions traditionally underserved by mainstream resources





Who can receive EHV?

EHV eligibility is limited to 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; and
- Recently homeless, as determined by the Secretary, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.





How are EHV Prioritized?

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

- All Emergency Housing Vouchers must be referred using the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry System
- CES referrals will be confirmed by the respective CoC

Balance of State note:

- AKCH2 will be piloting a new referral prioritization methodology
 - Length of Time Homeless
 - Chronic Homeless Status
- Will not be using VI-SPDAT



Emergency Housing Voucher Program Referral



For Coordinated Entry Team Use Only

- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Head of Household Name	Desired Community
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

1. I certify that this household meets the definition of an eligible household, **and**
2. This person was selected from a Coordinated Entry waiting list.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Referring Individual Signature	Date

Service Provider Contact Information

Name	
<input type="text"/>	
Agency Name	
<input type="text"/>	
Mailing Address	
<input type="text"/>	
Telephone	E-Mail
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- Please include service provider as a copy on any email to the family.
- 1. I am attaching the appropriate verification of eligibility.
- 2. The family has completed AHFC's online application.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Service Provider Signature	Date

Email this form and appropriate verifications to Regina O'Keefe (rokeefe@ahfc.us) or fax to (907) 338-1683.

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Received	<input type="text"/>
Emailed	<input type="text"/>
To	<input type="text"/>

<input type="text"/>
AHFC Representative Signature



Eligible EHV Units?

- Families can rent the same type of units as the standard voucher program
- All units must pass HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection. Federal waivers allow for virtual inspections until end of year
- Portability
 - Vouchers are tied to the individual/family
 - Eligible to move with client
 - Must relocate to another Alaska community with EHV coverage
 - When porting out of state, must go to an area with a voucher program





EHV Service Fees

- Each voucher comes with up to \$3,500 in service fees
- Eligible Uses
 - Housing search assistance
 - Security or utility deposits
 - Rental application fees
 - Landlord recruitment or incentives
 - Moving expenses
 - Tenant readiness services
 - Essential household items
 - Mitigation fund?





Important EHV Dates

- **July 31, 2021** – deadline for CoCs and AHFC to sign MOU
- **September 30, 2023** – deadline for EHV placements
 - CoCs will meet regularly with AHFC to review placement/application status
 - Vouchers will be lost if recipients exit EHV program after this date
- **September 30, 2030** – funded through this date (at this time)

