

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) - FAQ

Overview

- The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) received 264 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help vulnerable households obtain stable, permanent housing.
- EHV will work similarly to other federal rental assistance programs administered by HACSD. Eligible households will pay a portion of their income toward their rent and HCDS will pay the balance of the rent, directly to the landlord.
 - Applicants should begin the application process through a [Coordinated Entry Access Site](#). HACSD does not accept direct applications; instead, referrals for the EHV Program will come through the Coordinated Entry System or from the Regional Taskforce on Homelessness.
- The EHV program provides housing vouchers to eligible individuals and families who are:
 - Homeless,
 - At risk of experiencing homelessness,
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking,
 - Recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

How to Apply

- Visit a San Diego [Coordinated Entry Access Site](#)
- Call 2-1-1 San Diego

FAQ

- **What is an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)?**
 - EHV is a rental assistance program, providing housing vouchers to eligible individuals and families who meet the income eligibility requirements and are:
 - Homeless,
 - At risk of experiencing homelessness,
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking,
 - Recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.
 - These vouchers are distributed in limited numbers based on Coordination of Care referrals and available funding.
- **How are applicants selected for the EHV Program?**
 - The application process begins at a [Coordinated Entry Access Site](#). If eligible, applicants will be referred to HACSD to complete the application process.
 - Eligible applicants will be selected in accordance with federal housing policies, must meet program criteria, and be screened by the property management for tenancy.
- **What are the income and eligibility requirements?**
 - Eligible applicants must be:
 - Experiencing homeless,
 - At risk of experiencing homelessness,



- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking,
 - Recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.
- Households may be eligible if their income falls below 50% of the [Area Median Income](#) (AMI).
- **How much is the tenants' rent portion?**
 - Households will pay a portion of their income toward their rent and HCDS will pay the balance of the rent, directly to the landlord.
 - In general tenants will pay approximately 30% of their adjusted gross income towards the rent.
 - The maximum subsidy payment is based on the number of bedrooms approved for the family size and community to which the family moves.
- **What are the citizenship requirements?**
 - Program participants must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified non-citizen with eligible immigration status.
- **What do I do to request an extra bedroom for medical equipment or live-in aid due to my disability?**
 - If there is a disability related to an accommodation, a request for Reasonable Accommodation can be made at any point.
 - Request for Reasonable Accommodation must be made by or on behalf of a person with a disability.
 - Reasonable Accommodation must be supported by verification from a health care provider that the accommodation is related to the disability.
- **Do I need to provide any documentation if I want to apply?**
 - Documents/verifications are not due at the time of application. Eligible households selected for the EHV program will work with a case manager to gather necessary verifications.
- **Where can I go to find more information on HACSD's programs?**
 - For more information on HACSD programs, please visit www.sdhcd.org.

