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GENERAL NEWS

Veteran Homelessness Declines by 11 Percent Since 2020

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), the Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)), and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness ([USICH](#)) announced preliminary results of the [2022 Point-in-Time Count](#) showing an 11 percent decline in veteran homelessness since early 2020, the last time a full count was conducted. According to the announcement, this is the biggest drop in veteran homelessness in more than five years.

The data show that on a single night in January 2022, there were 33,136 veterans who were experiencing homelessness in the United States – down from 37,252 in 2020. Overall, this represents a 55.3 percent reduction in veterans experiencing homelessness since 2010.

The press release also states that the results from the PIT Count do not reflect the additional efforts launched by HUD, VA, and USICH in 2022, including [VA's goal to re-house 38,000 Veterans](#) in this calendar year. Through September, VA has placed nearly 31,000 homeless Veterans into permanent housing, putting VA on track to meet, or even exceed, its goal.

HUD has also published a [FACT sheet](#) with further details. For more information on the VA's homeless programs, click [here](#). To view the HUD-VASH webpage, click [here](#).

HUD Awards \$2 Million to Assess the Impact of ERA on Housing Stability

In another [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded \$2 million in funding to assess the impact of the Emergency Rental Assistance ([ERA](#)) program. The three awardees, Abt Associates; Princeton University; and the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with the University of California at Berkeley, will receive the funds under the FY 2022 Impact Evaluation of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Notice of Funding Opportunity ([NOFO](#)). The studies will produce policy-relevant evidence on the impact of the ERA program on people and communities, with a focus on housing stability and eviction outcomes.

As you recall, as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ERA program was established by Congress to assist households experiencing financial hardship with rent and utilities costs. The program, administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury ([Treasury](#)), was funded in two phases: ERA1 and ERA2. The research will evaluate the impacts of both.

HUD Allocates \$1.447 Billion for 2021 Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

In a third [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced the allocation of \$1.447 billion in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery ([CDBG-DR](#)) funds to provide additional help to communities recovering from 2021 disasters and support building inclusive resilience to climate change.

HUD is allocating \$1.447 billion to 10 local governments and 13 state governments that [received](#) partial CDBG-DR allocations for 2021 disasters, including Hurricane Ida, in March 2022. With these additional funds, HUD has now allocated a total of \$3.660 billion to these 23 communities to recover from 2021 disasters and build inclusive resilience to future disasters and the impacts of climate change.

This allocation is part of a total of \$2 billion appropriated for disaster recovery in the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023, that funded the federal government through December 16, 2022. HUD will allocate the remaining \$553 million for 2022 disasters when adequate data about those disasters becomes available. You can see the states, grantees, and allocations at the bottom of the press release.



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