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## **HCV PROGRAM NEWS**

### **HUD Updates Emergency Housing Vouchers FAQs**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has updated the frequently asked questions (<u>FAQs</u>) on Emergency Housing Vouchers (<u>EHVs</u>). New and updated questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated March 20, 2023.

Funding for EHVs was appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local PHAs to assist individuals and families who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or who were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

You can find the FAQs and other EHVs resources on this page at HUD's website.

# **HUD Posts Updated HCV Data Dashboard User Guide and Dictionary**

On the <u>HCV Data Dashboard</u> webpage, HUD has posted an updated version of the <u>HCV Data Dashboard User Guide and Data Dictionary</u>. The 48-page document is now dated February 14, 2023. You will find a link to the updated guide on <u>this page</u> at HUD's website.

The Housing Choice Voucher (<u>HCV</u>) <u>data dashboard</u> shows budget and leasing trends, reserve balances, attrition, admissions, and leasing potential for the program nationally and allows the user to drill down to the state and PHA level.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

### **HUD Awards Over \$54 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination**

In a <u>press release</u> Tuesday, HUD announced that it has awarded over \$54 million to support the efforts of 182 fair housing organizations across the country working to address violations of the <u>Fair Housing Act</u> and helping to end discrimination in housing.

The funds, provided under the Department's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), will allow grantees to provide fair housing enforcement by conducting investigations, testing to identify discrimination in the rental and sales markets, and filing fair housing complaints with HUD. In addition, grantees will carry out education and outreach activities to inform the public, housing providers, and local governments about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing  $\Delta_{Cf}$ 

The FHIP awards are provided under HUD's Education and Outreach (EOI), Education and Outreach Initiative Test Coordinator Training (EOI-TCT), Fair Housing Organization (FHOI), and Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) grant categories. Click <a href="here">here</a> for a state-by-state breakdown of the awardees.

# **Treasury Posts New ERAP Resource**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (<u>Treasury</u>) has posted the following resource to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (<u>ERAP</u>) website:

ERA1 & ERA2 Quarterly Demographic Data for Q1 2021 through Q4 2022

You can find more ERA resources on the ERAP website.



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