



Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) FAQ

1. Why is the EHV program ending?

HUD has determined that Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) funding is expected to be exhausted by the end of 2026 due to significant increases in rental costs and higher per-unit subsidy expenses nationwide. For more information, please review HUD Notice PIH 2025-19.

2. What is Homes for Good doing to protect families?

Homes for Good requested and received Board approval to create an **"At Risk of Rental Assistance Loss"** preference within its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan. In addition, Homes for Good applied for and received HUD approval for a waiver allowing all eligible EHV households to be automatically added to the HCV waiting list.

As Housing Choice Vouchers become available, Homes for Good intends to transition eligible households from the EHV program to the HCV program without requiring a new application. Households that transition will retain their current payment standard for as long as they remain in their current unit.

3. Will participants lose their voucher?

It is important to understand that, based on current funding projections and voucher availability, Homes for Good may not have enough Housing Choice Vouchers available to provide ongoing rental assistance to all households currently receiving EHV assistance before EHV funding is exhausted.

Households placed on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list will remain on the waiting list until a voucher becomes available. Vouchers will be issued as funding and availability allow. As a result, some households may experience a gap between the end of EHV assistance and the availability of a Housing Choice Voucher.

While Homes for Good will continue to pursue all available options to support participating families, households are encouraged to begin planning for the possibility that they may become responsible for the full cost of their housing if EHV funding ends before another source of rental assistance is available. Based on current projections, EHV funding is expected to be exhausted by the end of 2026. Homes for Good will continue to provide updates, resources, and information as additional guidance becomes available.

4. Does the participant need to take action?

No immediate action is required. Homes for Good will automatically place eligible EHV households on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting list and process any future program transitions internally. However, participants are encouraged to keep their contact information up to date and carefully review all correspondence from Homes for Good.



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Because EHV funding is currently expected to end by the end of 2026, households should also begin planning for the possibility that they may become responsible for a greater portion—or all—of their housing costs if alternative rental assistance is not available when EHV funding ends. Homes for Good will continue to provide updates and information as it becomes available.

5. Do families undergo re-screening?

No, criminal re-screening is not required. EHV households that transition directly to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program without a gap in assistance will be treated as existing HCV participants. However, if a household experiences a break in rental assistance, additional eligibility reviews, including criminal screening, may be required. This guidance does not apply to new household members added after the transition.

What should participants be aware of?

- Families may remain in their current unit and under their existing lease unless they choose to move.
- Families who remain in their current unit will retain their EHV payment standard under the "Hold Harmless" provision.
- If a family moves to a new unit after transitioning to the HCV program, their subsidy will be calculated using HCV payment standards.
- If household composition changes after transitioning to the HCV program, the family's housing assistance may be recalculated based on HCV payment standards.

6. Will landlords need to sign new contracts?

Not unless the family moves. Existing Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts will remain in effect throughout the transition from the EHV program to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. If a family chooses to move after transitioning to the HCV program, a new HAP contract will be required for the new unit.

7. When will transitions occur?

Transitions to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting list will be completed throughout 2026. Beginning in the fall of 2026, as Housing Choice Vouchers become available, Homes for Good will notify eligible households when they are transitioned from the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. No action is required at this time.

8. If you wish to release your voucher?

Please contact our office for assistance. Our staff can provide the required form and answer any questions you may have about the voucher release process.



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8. Who can I contact?

Homes for Good – Rent Assistance Division OA general phone 541-682-3755

Email: housingspecialist@homesforgood.org

9. Additional resources?

Additional information and resources are available on the Homes for Good website. Participants are encouraged to visit the website regularly for updates, program information, frequently asked questions, and other resources related to the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program and potential transition opportunities.

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