

Emergency Housing Vouchers

The federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) has provided approximately 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) for eligible Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) throughout the United States. In the City of San Diego, 480 EHVs are available. EHVs are tenant-based rental assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) began administering EHVs effective July 2021.

Eligibility for referral to SDHC for program consideration is limited to individuals/families who meet the criteria for one of the following populations, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

1. Homeless
2. Risk of Homelessness
3. Victim of or fleeing domestic violence
4. Victim of human trafficking
5. Recently homeless, and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

EHVs are managed through a direct referral process, depending on the eligibility criteria above. Most people eligible for EHVs likely are already connected to the regional Coordinated Entry System (CES) and will be referred by case managers assigned to provide client housing support and connection.

- All referrals for an EHV must come directly through the Regional Task Force on the Homeless/San Diego Continuum of Care (CoC), through the CES. If you believe you may be eligible for EHV assistance, please see the following CES access point information: [CES Access Points](#)
- For victims of human trafficking, all referrals for an EHV must come directly through one of the following Human Trafficking Victims Service Providers. If you believe you may be eligible for EHV assistance, please contact one of the following Human Trafficking Victims Service Providers directly:
 - Free to Thrive: (619) 693-6361
 - San Diego Family Justice Center: (619) 533-6000
 - Please listen to the entire message.
 - San Diego Youth Services: 619-521-2250 [San Diego Youth Services](#)