

DHC's Emergency Housing Vouchers

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 into law, which provided over \$1 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

Section 3202 of the ARP appropriated \$5 billion for new Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) that were allocated to Public Housing Agencies across the country. The EHV's provide for rental assistance and service funding to prevent, prepare, and respond to coronavirus and to facilitate the leasing of the emergency vouchers, such as security deposit assistance, utility hook-up or arrearage assistance, housing search assistance, moving assistance, and other costs related to retention and support of participating owners.

DHC received an allocation of EHV's and has partnered with the Continuums of Care (COCs) in the delivery of the EHV's and to identify and mitigate barriers that individuals or families may encounter when renting a housing unit.

The EHV's are associated with service funding and are limited to individuals or families that meet any of the following criteria:

- Homeless;
- At risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the individual or family's homelessness or having the risk of housing instability.

Individuals or families who feel they meet one of the criteria above, may contact the EHV service provider (COC) in their area to determine their eligibility.

