

# Emergency Housing Voucher Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a limited number of **Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)** to the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

EHVs are limited to families and individuals who are:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or
- Recently homeless and at high risk of housing instability.

Preliminary eligibility for each applicant must be made by designated City agencies and their contracted service providers (program). Staff at the program (caseworkers or housing specialists) must first complete an initial screening for potentially eligible clients using the Coordinated Assessment survey (CAS) available in the online NYC Coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS). The screening takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. A new CAPS consent form is required to be considered for EHV referral.

Once the CAS is submitted, program staff must review the Housing Option Result section, which will indicate if the client is potentially EHV eligible and provide instructions about next steps. If the CAS determines that a client is potentially eligible, program administration must then determine whether the client is also in a priority group for EHV assistance. If the client is eligible and in a priority group, the staff will be notified by their program administration to start an EHV application through the NYCHA self-service portal. Completed EHV applications and supporting eligibility documentation are required to receive EHV assistance.

**Please note: Clients cannot apply directly to NYCHA or HPD for EHV assistance without a referral.**



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