

MEDIA RELEASE

The Emergency Housing Voucher Program is expected to launch July 1, 2021. Program details are still being determined. The LACDA will update its website (www.lacda.org) once more information is available, or you may call (626) 586-1544 with any questions.

COUNTY TO RECEIVE ALLOCATION OF 1,964 EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

Fourth Largest Allocation in the Nation to Assist Los Angeles County Residents Most in Need

Alhambra, CA, May 12, 2021 – As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, Los Angeles County is slated to receive 1,964 Emergency Housing Vouchers, as part of an allocation of 70,000 vouchers issued to public housing authorities nationwide, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County's allocation will be administered by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

The Emergency Housing Vouchers will assist residents most in need, including individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence or human trafficking, or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

HUD's allocation formula is designed to direct the Emergency Housing Vouchers to public housing authorities operating in areas where the voucher's eligible populations have the greatest need, while also taking into account the capacity of the administering agency and the requirement to ensure geographic diversity, including rural areas. The County's allocation of 1,964 vouchers is the fourth largest in the nation.

"These additional vouchers come at a time where food and housing insecurity of the County's most vulnerable are at an all-time high," said Emilio Salas, LACDA Executive Director. "This allocation means that almost 2,000 individuals and families will have a place to call home, and an opportunity to rebuild their lives without the added worry of living in an unsafe environment."

The American Rescue Plan Act also includes nearly \$50 billion for nationwide housing and homelessness assistance, emergency rental provisions, utility bill assistance, financial aid for college students and direct aid to State and local governments to use for supportive services, affordable housing, and non-congregate shelter acquisitions.

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