

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program

Home Forward was awarded 476 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (Public Law No: 117-2) to provide rental assistance for individuals and families who meet one 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
- Were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

Availability of Emergency Housing Vouchers is managed through a direct referral process. Home Forward is taking referrals through Multnomah County's Coordinated Entry systems. Individuals and families do not directly apply through Home Forward

What to do if you think you are eligible

To access EHV, you must be assessed by one of Multnomah County's Coordinated Entry Systems. Information about Coordinated Entry can be found here:

<http://ahomeforeveryone.net/coordinatedaccess>

If you are currently working with a homeless service provider, check with them about assessment for coordinated entry. Otherwise, contact information for requesting assessment is below. Access points vary by age and circumstance.

Unaccompanied Youth under 25: can be literally homeless (in shelter, a place not meant for human habitation), in transitional housing, or doubled up

Access: Janus Youth through their Access Center (1635 SW Alder St, 503.432.3986)

Domestic Violence Survivors: Actively fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, regardless of where currently staying

Access: Calling Call to Safety (503.235.5333) or, for Spanish, Project UNICA (503-232- 4448), or visiting the Gateway Center (10305 E Burnside St)

Families Adults accompanied by children under 18: can be literally homeless (in shelter, a place not meant for human habitation), in transitional housing, or doubled up

Access: Call 2-1-1

Adults Unaccompanied: adults, adults in couples and households with dependents 18 and older. The head of household must be literally homeless (in shelter, a place not meant for human habitation) or in transitional housing

Access: Call the CHAT hotline (844-765- 9384)

Applications for an EHV submitted without a referral will not be accepted