



BOARD COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION	The Chicago Continuum of Care shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the Board), which will provide oversight and accountability for all Chicago CoC responsibilities.
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	All CoC Board Members were emailed – see list below.
BRIEF SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CoC Board approved the referral sources for Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) referrals from CoC programs to be first-come-first-served from program types that meet the criteria.

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Subject: CoC Board Voting Item via Email: Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Referral Criteria - Please vote by 5pm on Friday, Sept 3

Hello CoC Board Members and Alternates,

The CoC Board Executive Committee authorized an email vote on the Emergency Housing Voucher Referral Source Criteria – the voting item is outlined in the attached information sheet.

Please submit your vote on the EHV Referral Criteria by 5pm on Friday, September 3 via [this online voting form](#). Both CoC Board Members and Alternates should submit a vote. Alternate votes will be counted in place of Member votes if any Member votes are missing. Delegates cannot vote per the [CoC Charter](#).

A briefing on this item will be held Friday morning from 9-9:30am via Microsoft Teams. A calendar invite for all CoC Board Members, Delegates and Alternates will be sent shortly.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Nicole Bahena | Vice President of Community Partnerships

The attachment from the e-mail is marked as Exhibit A

Email Contents and Final Voting Documentation

Final Vote:

16 yeses

1 Abstention



Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors

Voting Item Briefing with Supporting Documentation Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) Referral Sources

The Chicago CoC Board of Directors Executive Committee authorized an email vote on this item on August 31, 2021.

Voting Item

The CoC Board approves the referral sources for Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) referrals from CoC programs to be first-come-first-served from program types that meet the following criteria:

- Participated in the Housing Inventory Chart process in 2021 and be established as one of the following program models on the [2021 Housing Inventory Chart](#):
 - ESG-funded Rapid Rehousing (Expedited Housing Initiative RRH programs)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Flexible Housing Pool
 - Any youth-specific program with youth-dedicated beds on the Housing Inventory Chart
 - Permanent Housing - Housing with Services
 - Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing Programs or come from the Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System;
- Replace the opening created by moving someone on to an EHV with another participant/household from the CoC's Coordinated Entry system and processes;
- Able to utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (except for agencies which are prohibited from using HMIS such as domestic violence agencies);
- Agree to use the CoC's Housing Transition Assessment tool to guide decision about whether EHV is appropriate for the household.

The CoC Board requests that the Leadership Team of the System Analysis and Resource Development Line of Action establish a working group that will monitor EHV referrals and make suggestions to the Leadership Team and CoC Board if any changes are needed to the EHV referral criteria.

Background Information

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Through EHV, HUD is providing 1,165 vouchers to the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) in order to assist individuals and families.

The CoC Board established the CoC Relief Funding Working Group (RFWG) in May 2021 to make recommendations on the strategic use of ARPA funding, including the administration of EHV. On Friday, July 15, 2021, the CoC Board signed an MOU between the CoC and CHA regarding EHV administration. The CoC Relief Funding Working Group continued meeting to discuss the CoC referral sources for access to EHV.

On Wednesday, August 18, the CoC Board discussed a motion which was then later passed via email. The motion stated, "In line with the Relief Funding Working Group draft guidelines, providers should prioritize submitting EHV referrals while the allocation final recommendation is determined. Referrals that are already in progress at the time of final allocation recommendations will be accepted."

On Friday, August 27, the CoC Relief Funding Working Group approved the criteria outlined in the Voting Item section as the recommended referral source criteria for access to the EHV. The Working Group, CSH, and All Chicago believe this will balance the need for ensuring EHV referrals are processed as quickly as possible, but allow the CoC to focus access to vouchers in a way that aligns with our priorities.

Supporting Documentation

Meeting minutes from the CoC Relief Funding Working Group meetings can be found on the CoC's Slack.com page, in the [CoC Board channel here](#).

Follow the links to access supporting information from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development HUD)

- [Emergency Housing Vouchers – Operating Requirements](#)
- [Emergency Housing Vouchers – Frequently Asked Questions](#)