

# EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM



Housing Authority of the  
County of San Bernardino  
Building Opportunities Together

## Testing New Methods for Addressing Homelessness

### Emergency Housing Voucher Program Collaboration, Research, and Evaluation

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) was awarded funding for up to 455 vouchers through the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program to provide emergency housing. The EHV program is the first voucher program to include funding for supportive services such as housing navigation, security deposits, application fees and more. In reality, these funds generally are only enough to pay for the security deposit. In order to provide additional supportive services, HACSB partnered with San Bernardino County and was awarded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. These ESG dollars were used to provide housing navigation services to EHV customers. EHV customers with housing navigation support were 65% more likely to successfully lease than customers in other programs without housing navigation support.

HACSB has also partnered with Loma Linda University (LLU) to research and evaluate the factors which influence an individual's ability to successfully lease with EVH assistance along with their ability to remain stably housed. The first wave of evaluation identified the following primary barriers to successfully leasing:

1. *Tenant preference (location, amenities, etc.)*
2. *Inability to maintain contact between housing navigation services provider and customer*
3. *Financial barriers (stable income and/or employment, security deposit, etc.)*
4. *Physical limitations (first-floor accommodations, etc.)*
5. *Legal barriers*

HACSB continues to work with LLU for evaluation of the EHV program. The next wave of research will also evaluate the factors that influence an EHV household's ability to remain stably housed.

“ I am very thankful to have  
a roof over my head. ”  
- HACSB EHV participant

## EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM FAST FACTS

**Total Voucher Funding Allocated:** 455

**Total Vouchers Utilized\*:** 362

**Units Leased\*:** 362

**Actively Searching\*:** 136

\* As of 3/29/2023



In partnership with twenty-eight (28) different community organizations, HACSB's EHV Program has reached a current utilization rate of over 79%.

### EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM: TIMELINE



<https://hacsb.com/types-of-affordable-housing/>

