

# Reno Housing Authority NEWS RELEASE

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## HUD Awards Emergency Housing Vouchers to Reno Housing Authority

RENO, Nev. — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded 137 Emergency Housing Vouchers to the Reno Housing Authority to assist unsheltered community members with housing. These vouchers are a valuable resource in Washoe County and referrals for them will come to RHA directly from Continuum of Care community partners including Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, Health Plan of Nevada, Volunteers of America, and Washoe County Human Services: Our Place.

The emergency housing vouchers are part of the American Rescue Plan Act and funding is guaranteed up to 2030. To be eligible for these specialized vouchers, HUD requires that an individual or family must be homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, or for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

"I'm so grateful to HUD for providing these vouchers to meet a growing need for our citizens," said Reno Mayor Hillary Shieve. "This is significant assistance that will help our community further serve people who are or who are at risk of becoming unsheltered."

Reno Housing Authority Executive Director Amy Jones echoed the mayor's thoughts. "There is tremendous need in our community and these emergency vouchers are just one more way the RHA is working with community partners to provide safe, quality homes for Nevadans," she said.

Referrals to the EHV program will be made from our community's Coordinated Entry system. Available vouchers will be issued first to individuals on the queue that are currently awaiting a referral to a housing placement.

Landlords interested in participating in the emergency program are encouraged to contact the RHA at 329.3630.

As part of HUD stipulations, individuals and families receiving an emergency housing voucher are required to participate in case management with their referral agency, and will receive assistance finding an available housing unit.

These emergency vouchers continue the multi-layered approach by the RHA and other agencies in Washoe County to alleviate homelessness. Individuals wishing to apply for these emergency vouchers should contact a partnering agency.

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*Predominantly federally funded, the Reno Housing Authority provides affordable housing for qualifying residents of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. We provide a place to call home for 4,000 families through Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and affordable market-rate properties. We've helped people afford to live in northern Nevada for 75 years.*

