

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions for the Emergency Housing Voucher Program

1. Why is the Emergency Housing Voucher program ending before September 30, 2030 as approved by Congress?

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was created as part of a package of temporary COVID pandemic relief programs that also included enhanced Obamacare subsidies and the Affordable Connectivity Program. Congress authorized funding through September 30, 2030 or **until fully expended**. However, due to historic increases in contract rents, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed PHAs that available EHV funds are insufficient to cover EHV families after Calendar Year (CY) 2026. HUD is focused on identifying ways to ensure that remaining EHV funds extend the program as long as possible to support currently housed families.

2. What options does HADC have available to keep EHV families housed?

HADC worked with industry groups to create solutions to keep EHV families housed. The most recent federal government funding bill passed by the House on January 22, 2026 includes a provision advocated for by HADC and industry groups that allows the Tenant Protection Voucher (TPV) program to absorb EHV families. This is an important victory that provides PHAs greater flexibility and more options as the EHV program winds down. While funding for the TPV program was slightly increased, it will not be enough to absorb all of the EHV families.

HADC is operating under the prudent assumption that **there are no additional funds to cover housing assistance payments (the rent subsidy paid by HADC to your property owner/landlord) on or about June 30, 2026.**

2. Is there an appeals process for termination of assistance due to insufficient funding?

No, the housing authority can only pay housing assistance (rent subsidy) on behalf of eligible participant families when funding is available. You will cease to be a HADC client and EHV program participant.

3. Who will be responsible for paying HADC's share of contract rent once no additional funds are available?

If HUD does not provide additional funding, your housing assistance will end, including the contract between your landlord and HADC. If you decide to stay in your assisted unit after funding is not available, you will be responsible for the full contract rent.

4. Can EHV assistance be transferred to the regular Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)?

While HUD indicated that PHAs may elect to transition EHV families into the regular HCV program so that EHV families do not experience a loss or gap in housing assistance and can remain in their assisted units, HADC has a funding shortfall. HADC does not have the funds to pay additional rents.

Due to the funding shortfall, HADC suspended the processing of new applications and issuing or extending vouchers to applicant families since current funding will be insufficient to administer such vouchers. HADC does not have the financial resources to assist additional families.

5. Can I apply for the Section 8 Waiting List?

The Section 8 Waiting List is currently closed. Please visit our website for more information on waiting list openings at www.dekalbhousing.org

6. Are there any housing resources available?

We suggest that you start thinking about your housing options and other resources now.

You may inquire about Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) or housing programs for other Housing Authorities through [Affordable Housing Online](#). Many housing authorities may have waiting lists open. You may apply to as many waiting lists as you wish, however, you can only receive assistance from one housing authority.

7. Will HADC help families with security deposit and housing search assistance if I need to move?

No, the assistance provided for security deposit and housing search was available only at the time of admission to the program. HADC does not have funding to pay for your security deposit or housing search assistance if you need to move from your current unit. Keep in mind that once HADC stops paying the EHV rent subsidy, you are no longer a HADC client.

8. Can HADC transition an EHV household to another rental assistance program when they are in shortfall?

No, a PHA cannot transition an EHV to another form of tenant-based or project-based rental assistance while in shortfall. A shortfall occurs when the funding provided for a program is not enough to cover its required costs. In the Housing Choice Voucher program, a shortfall means housing authorities do not have sufficient funds to pay landlords and continue assistance for all households currently served at authorized levels.

9. What happens if there is a change with my household or income before June 2026?

As normal procedure, you will report all changes within 10 days.

10. Can I port my voucher into HADC's jurisdiction?

No. HADC will not process any port-in requests for EHV.