



Using American Rescue Plan Act Resources for Stepping Up

Why Criminal Justice Leaders Should Act Now

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Session 1: Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview: American Rescue Plan Act and Housing Funding
- Strategic Considerations for Emergency Housing Voucher Funding
- Discussion and Q&A



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act



Overview and Key Housing Funding Sources



ARP: Housing Overview

- **\$1.9 trillion** wide-ranging economic stimulus bill
- **More than \$12 billion** dedicated to housing development, rental assistance, and supportive services
- Rare opportunity to prioritize people leaving/diverted from jails for housing resources

ARP: The Opportunity

-  ✓ **Come to the table now** to prioritize rental assistance and development resources for the Stepping Up population experiencing homelessness
-  ✓ **Additional ARP resources**
 - ✓ Emergency rental assistance (prevention focus)
 - ✓ Rural housing assistance
 - ✓ Housing counseling
 - ✓ Emergency food/shelter

Today's Focus: Emergency Housing Vouchers


- Funding: **\$5 billion** nationally, allocated via formula by HUD
- Recipients: Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Target population: People experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Eligible uses: Rental assistance and supportive services such as housing search, owner outreach, security deposit assistance, other moving costs





Strategic Considerations for Emergency Housing Vouchers



Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)

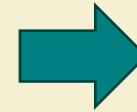
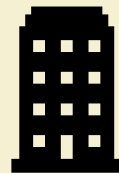
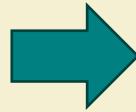
 **Unique: Required collaboration between different housing systems**

 **PHAs take referrals from local homeless assistance Continuums of Care (CoCs)**

 **Help steer the ship now: Prioritization process MOUs due by 7/31 to receive referrals from coordinated entry system**

EHVs: Referral and Prioritization

- Allows setting aside specific number of vouchers for specific populations (such as Stepping Up)
- PHAs cannot deny due to drug-related criminal activity
- Referrals mostly through coordinated entry systems
 - Long-term incarceration presents challenges: NOT insurmountable!
 - **Stepping Up often overlaps other priority populations**



HUD-Defined Homelessness Categories

- **Category 1:** Literally Homeless
- **Category 2:** Imminent Risk
- **Category 3:** Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- **Category 4:** Veterans

EHVs: Other Considerations



PHA and CoC coordinate on a menu of supportive services; early conversations can help target Stepping Up needs



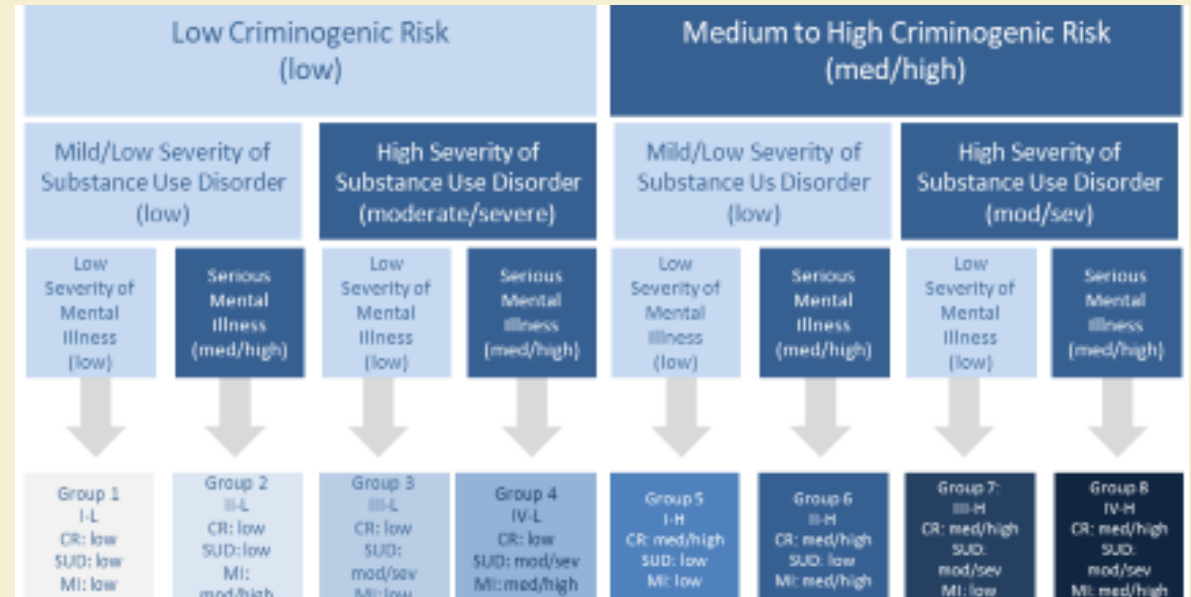
Move Up Strategy: Can use EHVs to move people from permanent supportive housing to other permanent housing, perhaps freeing PSH spots for Stepping Up population



Landlord Incentives: Combine EHVs with landlord outreach to increase the number of available units

Additional Justice System Contributions

- ✓ **Additional federal funding** to support collaboration and support services
- ✓ **Detailed assessment of criminogenic risks and needs** to make the case for housing and service prioritization



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Survey

- How well do you know your homeless continuum of care system?
- How well do you know your local public housing authority?

Discussion and Q & A

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Resources to Support Collaboration

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Guide to Advancing Justice-Related Goals

- Outlines need-to-know information about how state and local leaders can leverage American Rescue Plan funding to advance eight key criminal justice priorities
- <https://csgjusticecenter.org/publications/american-rescue-plan/>

Explore Funding Opportunities

Here we take a closer look at eight justice-related goals that state leaders can support with funding available through the American Rescue Plan. For each, we offer a snapshot of the funding breakdown, key takeaways, local highlights, and other resources.

 Keep people in correctional facilities safe and healthy	 Increase access to education for people in the juvenile and criminal justice systems	 Improve public safety and outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system	 Support people who have experienced or are at risk of domestic violence and sexual assault
 Expand access to safe and stable housing and supports	 Support economic stability and mobility for people with criminal records	 Help communities build comprehensive health care systems for people in the justice system	 Reduce criminal justice involvement for people with behavioral health needs

HUD List of Ohio Continuums of Care

- [HUD's Grantee Contact Page](#) for Ohio communities
- Key contact person is the "Collaborative Applicant"

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State	Organization Name	Program	Contact Information
OH	OH-500 - Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	CoC	Collaborative Applicant Kevin Finn, MSW President & CEO Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc. 2368 Victory Parkway, Suite 600 Cincinnati, OH 45206 513-263-2788 kfinn@end-homelessness.org
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State and Local Rental Assistance

- National Low Income Housing Coalition's database of pandemic [Emergency Rental Assistance Programs](#)
- Direct-to-tenants and landlords assistance to help with back rent over the past year related to pandemic
- Programs are at the state, tribe, county, and city levels

More ARP program information

- **EHV Program:** [Notice PIH 2021-15](#)
- **HOME-ARP:** [HUD Resource Page](#)
- **State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** [Treasury Guidance Page](#)
- **ERAP:** [Treasury Guidance Page](#)

Next Webinar

- ✓ **Date and Time:** Thursday, July 15, 12–1 p.m. ET
- ✓ **Topic:** Using ARP funds to increase housing opportunities for the Stepping Up Population

Next Webinar Key Program Preview

HOME-ARP Funding

- **\$5 billion nationally** to state and local governments
- Eligible uses: Construction of new affordable and supportive housing, supportive services, and shelter expenses

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

- **\$350 billion nationally** to state, local, and tribal governments
- Eligible uses: Treasury guidance **specifically allows funds to be used for housing**, including development, vouchers, housing navigation, and supportive services

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