



COMPTON LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS PROGRAM

The Emergency Housing Vouchers Program is launching in the Los Angeles region. Vouchers will be prioritized by the *LA Coordinated Entry System (CES)*, initially referring participants who are homeless, recently homeless, or fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and Los Angeles' Coordinated Entry System Policy Council.

It is likely that most people eligible for this resource are already connected to the *LA Coordinated Entry System (CES)* and will be referred by case managers assigned to provide client housing support and connection.

If, however, you think you are eligible for the program (please see the [CES Interim Policy](https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=5396-interim-coordinated-entry-system-policy-emergency-housing-voucher) (<https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=5396-interim-coordinated-entry-system-policy-emergency-housing-voucher>) on Emergency Housing Voucher priority populations), please contact a *LA Coordinated Entry System Access Center* (<https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=2760-ces-access-point-directory.pdf>) in your region.

Please note that connection to the *LA CES* does not guarantee your eligibility or prioritization for housing or rental subsidy support.

SECTION 8 WAITING LIST applicants who are currently on the Compton Local Housing Authority (CLHA) 2007 and 2017 Waiting List; and think you qualify for the Emergency Housing Vouchers program because you meet one of the criteria mentioned above, must be verified as Homeless through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Coordinated Entry System (CES). LAHSA CES information can be found at <https://www.lahsa.org/get-help?ref=ces>. The CLHA will receive direct referrals for the EHV from LAHSA.

	LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY	Interim Coordinated Entry System Policy: Emergency Housing Voucher
		Applicability: Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participating Agencies
		Approved Date: June 23, 2021

Interim Prioritization and Matching for Permanent Housing through HUD’s Emergency Housing Vouchers Program

Purpose

The Interim Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy (Interim Policy) establishes interim standards and principles for the referral of a household¹ to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) Program. The Interim Policy seeks to support equitable access and utilization of limited resources to meet the permanent housing needs of eligible households.

Eligibility Definitions

EHVs are tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) – the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.

In order to be eligible for an EHV, a household must meet one or more of the following eligible categories. Their needs must also match permanent housing voucher resources.

1. *Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking:*
 - o This category consists of any household who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
 - o This also includes cases where a HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the unit, or the HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the unit, or the sexual assault happened on the premise during the 90-day period preceding the date of the transfer request.
 - o Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by: a current or former spouse or intimate partner; a person who is or was cohabitating with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; a person with whom the victim shares a child; a person similarly situated to a spouse receiving grant monies; or any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
 - o Dating violence is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Such a relationship shall be determined based on the length and type of the relationship, as well as the frequency of their interaction.

¹ For the purpose of this document, a household refers to all household types (i.e. individuals, couples, families with children)

- Sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.
 - Stalking means engaging in conduct directed at a person that would cause a reasonable person to: (1) Fear for their individual safety or the safety of others; or (2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.
 - Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (See link at [Section 11 of 22 U.S.C. § 7102](#)).
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2. *Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability:*
- "Recently homeless" is defined as individuals and families who have previously been classified by a member agency of the Continuum of Care (CoC) as homeless but are not currently homeless as a result of homeless assistance (financial assistance or services), temporary rental assistance, or some type of other assistance, and where the CoC determines that the loss of such assistance would result in a return to homelessness or the household having a high risk of housing instability.
3. *Homeless:*
- "Homeless" is defined under Category 1 (Literally Homeless), Category 2 (Imminent Risk of Homelessness), and Category 3 (Homeless under other Federal statutes) of HUD's Final Rule (See link at [HUD Categories 1, 2, and 3](#)).
4. *At risk of homelessness:*
- "At-risk of homelessness" is defined under CoC Program Regulations at 24 C.F.R. 578.3 (See link at [24 CFR 578.3](#)).

The LA Coordinated Entry System (CES) determines and verifies whether a household meets one or more of the four eligibility categories. After verification is completed, the LA CES makes direct referrals to the appropriate Public Housing Authority (PHA) that is administering the EHV.

Applicability

This Interim Policy will apply to the matching of available EHV resources through September 2021, during which time it will be continuously evaluated for efficacy and impact. The Interim Policy may be renewed at subsequent three-month intervals, but a permanent policy will be implemented after the expiration of this Interim Policy.

EHV Prioritization

Priority Level	Eligible Households	LA CES Targeted Groups
A- Group 1	<i>Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Households seeking an emergency transfer through the Interim LAHSA Emergency Transfer Plan under Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) or through the Emergency Transfer Plan of another CoC that participates in the LA CES. - Unhoused or housed households who are fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
A- Group 2	<i>Recently Homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Households enrolled in time-limited subsidy programs who need a permanent housing resource in order to achieve or maintain housing stability. This includes, but is not limited to, households for whom a "lease-in-place" strategy could be used. - Households that are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined under Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)
	<i>Homeless</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Households that are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined under Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) - Households in interim housing whose sites are closing - Households with long-term enrollment in interim housing - Households enrolled in programs that offer navigation, case management, and/or post-lease up retention services
B	<i>Recently Homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability Or Homeless</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently homeless and homeless households not identified in Priority Level A- Group 2

C	<i>At risk of homelessness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Households that are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined under Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) - Households that have received or are receiving DHS or LAHSA-funded-homelessness prevention resources - Households receiving prevention services that are targeted towards households that have a history of homelessness and are at very-high risk of homelessness
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EHV Matching

Eligible households will be prioritized and targeted for EHV based on the above table,² subject to resource availability and in alignment with equitable access and allocation as determined through LAHSA’s defined tools and frameworks. The tools and frameworks used to inform outreach to service providers and to order the review of household applications may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Most Disadvantaged Communities, as defined through LAHSA analysis of CalEnviroScreen data³
- 2) Assessment of increased vulnerability to severe illness and/or death if the household contracts COVID-19 due to age and/or underlying medical conditions, regardless of vaccination status
- 3) Service Planning Areas (SPAs) subregions with high rates of homelessness

An EHV application submitted for an eligible household within Priority Level A- Group 1 will receive priority over all other applications submitted for households within the other Priority levels. However, if no Level A- Group 1 applications are present, it shall not delay the matching of households within Level A- Group 2 individuals.

The EHV Program applications are to be matched in the following order:

- Priority Level A- Group 1
- Priority Level A- Group 2
- Priority Level B
- Priority Level C

Data for EHV eligible groups on race/ethnicity, acuity, age, gender, homeless system population, and region will be closely monitored to support equitable access and allocation.

² Public Housing Authorities are subject to this prioritization order but may additionally consider a local preference, if outlined in their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LAHSA.

³ More information about CalEnviroScreen and the Most Disadvantaged Communities (MDC) approach as piloted during Project Roomkey can be found [here](#).

CES ACCESS CENTER DIRECTORY



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ACCESS ACROSS THE COUNTY

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and its funded agencies, in partnership with the City and County of Los Angeles, work to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness can continue to access critical services at Access and Navigation Centers to **meet their basic needs, access emergency services, and obtain referrals to housing resources** including those available through the **LA County Coordinated Entry System (LA CES)**.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT AN ACCESS CENTER?

CES Access Centers are call-in or drop-in locations where persons experiencing homelessness can gain initial access to or continue contact with housing and supportive services available through LA CES. Access Centers can provide referrals to:

- Interim Housing programs for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness;
- emergency services (domestic violence, emergency physical/mental healthcare) and other supportive services (mental health, workforce development, etc.); and
- to or, direct provision of, basic services such as food provision, storage, and hygiene services.

FIND AN ACCESS CENTER

Connect to an Access Center by following these 3 steps:

- 1 Identify your Service Planning Area (SPA), as shown on the map on page 2 of this document or via this **ONLINE TOOL**.
- 2 Find an Access Center based on the population that best describes you:
 - Adults (18 years old and over)
 - Families with children (dependent minors or adult dependent child)
 - *Youth (16-24 years old)
- 3 Contact an Access Center based on "Operation Hours" and related contact information.

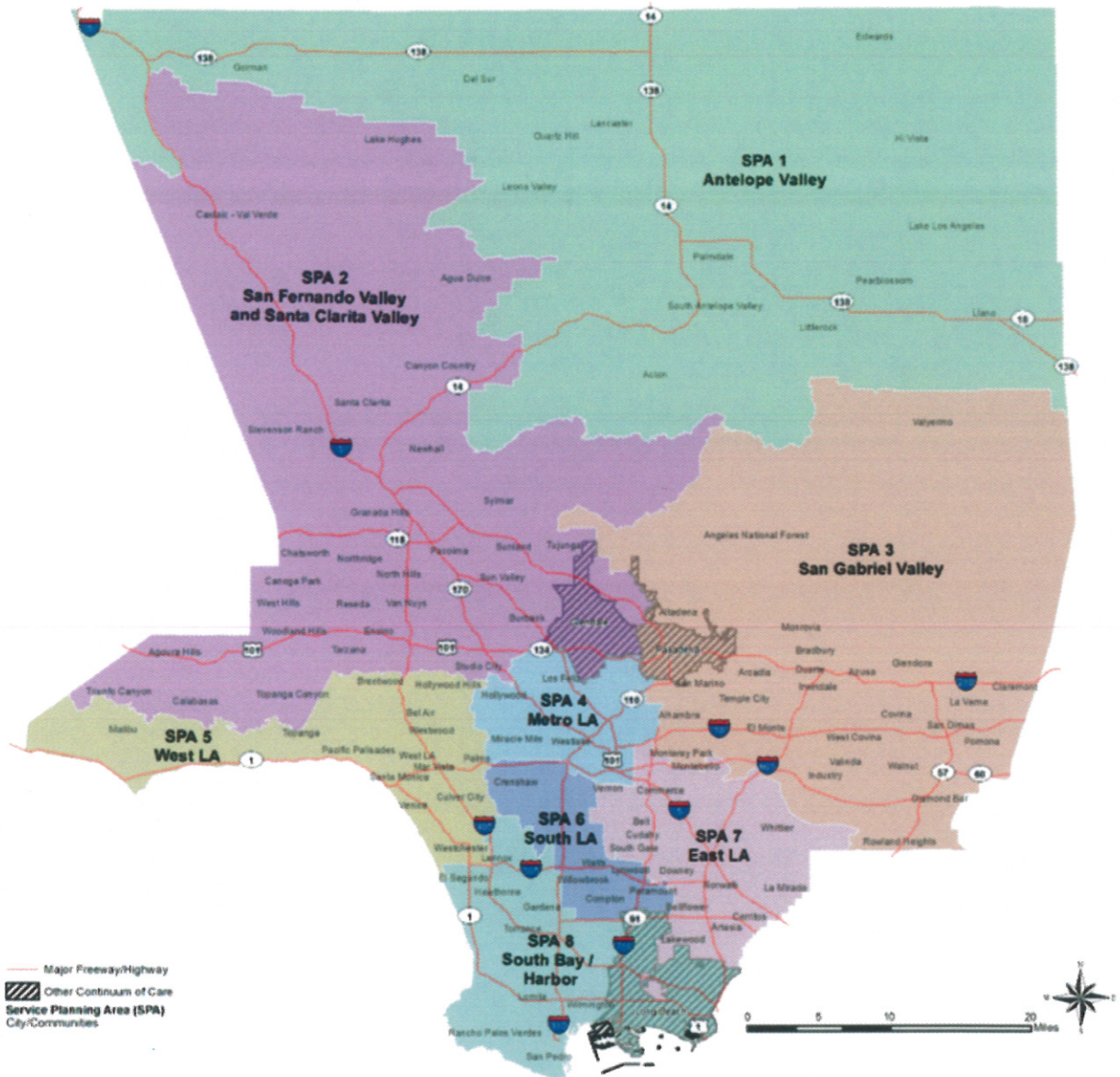
**Youth-aged families (where one head of household is 24 or younger) can be served in either the family system or the Youth system, depending on participant choice.*

For more information and referrals for all health and human services, please dial 2-1-1, call (800) 399-6993, or visit **211LA.org**. The 2-1-1 phone line is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

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SERVICE PLANNING AREAS (SPAS)



- SPA 1 - Antelope Valley
- SPA 2 - San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valley
- SPA 3 - San Gabriel Valley
- SPA 4 - Metro Los Angeles

- SPA 5 - West Los Angeles
- SPA 6 - South Los Angeles
- SPA 7 - East Los Angeles
- SPA 8 - South Bay/Harbor City

CES ACCESS CENTERS FOR ADULTS

CES Access Center	Contact Phone	Operating Hours	SPA
ILCSC - Van Nuys Service Office *	(818) 988-9525	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	1
ILCSC - Van Nuys Training House *	(818) 908-1199	Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	1
Valley Oasis	(661) 942-2758	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	1
ILCSC - Lancaster Office / Training Center *	(661) 942-9726	Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	2
Hope of the Valley	(818) 301-7988	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	2
San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health	(818) 901-4836	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	2
Volunteers of America - Pomona	(909) 766-1845	Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	3
Volunteers of America - El Monte	(626) 442-4357	Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	3
Downtown Women's Center	(213) 213-2885	Mon-Sun 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Mon-Fri 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.	4
Weingart	(213) 689-2152	Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	4

** For participants with disabilities*

CES ACCESS CENTERS FOR ADULTS

CES Access Center	Contact Phone	Operating Hours	SPA
St. Joseph Center	(310) 396-6468 (310) 399-6878	Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; And by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	5
The People Concern	(310) 450-4050	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Tue- 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. (closed 1st & 2nd Wed/month) Sat & Sun - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	5
HOPICS	(323) 948-0444 x 106	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	6
Harbor Interfaith	(310) 831-0603	Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	8

CES FAMILY SOLUTIONS CENTERS

CES Access Center	Contact Phone	Operating Hours	SPA
Valley Oasis	(661) 239-9300	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Call-in Services: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	1
LA Family Housing	(818) 859-8030	Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	2
Union Station	(626) 337-0140, fscreferral@ unionstationhs.org	Telecommuting only: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	3
PATH	(323) 212-6291	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (by appointment only)	4
St. Joseph Center	(310) 694-6035	Walk-in Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Call-in Services: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	5
HOPICS	(323) 432-4383	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	6
The Whole Child	(562) 204-0640	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7
Harbor Interfaith	(310) 831-0589	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8

CES ACCESS CENTERS FOR YOUTH

CES Access Center	Contact Phone	Operating Hours	SPA
Volunteers of America	(661) 952-7095	Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	1
Volunteers of America	(818) 623-0209	Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	2
Youth Moving On	(626) 765-6010	Mon-Fri 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3
LA LGBT Center	(323) 860-2280	Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Sat-Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	4
My Friend's Place	(323) 908-0011 x 128, (323) 908-0011 x 117	Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wed 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	4
Safe Place for Youth	(310) 902-2283	Tues-Thurs 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon by appointment only	5
CRCO	(323) 432-2440	Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	6
Jovenes	(213) 926-4158	Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	7
Sanctuary of Hope	(424) 374-8038	Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8