

REPORT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PURSUANT TO 28 O.S. SECTION 3122

The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) respectfully submits this Report of its recently entered Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southwest Oklahoma Continuum of Care in Lawton, Oklahoma.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to OHFA to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. EHVs are tenant-based rental assistance under Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).

Eligibility for these EHVs is limited to individuals and families who are (1) homeless; (2) at risk of homelessness; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or (4) recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

HUD requires OHFA to partner with Continuum of Care (CoC) entities or other homeless or victim services providers to assist qualifying families through a direct referral process. A unified and collaborative response that includes housing assistance along with varying levels of community resources and services with the goal to reduce homelessness.

1. The Effective Date of the Memorandum of Understanding is July 29, 2021.
2. The MOU's duration is until September 30, 2035.
3. The parties subject to the MOU are the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) and the Southwest Oklahoma Continuum of Care. Though not a party to this MOU, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide funding/vouchers for housing and related services fees being offered through this MOU.
4. The purposes of the MOU are:
 - a. to provide housing through dedicated Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) to eligible individuals and families in one or more of these four categories (1) homeless; (2) at risk of homelessness; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or (4) recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability; and
 - b. to provide supportive services and community resources to increase housing opportunities through this MOU.

5. Constitutional or Statutory Provisions allowing these subjects to be addressed
 - a. Oklahoma Constitution Article 25 Sections 1 and 6
 - b. Oklahoma Homeless Prevention Act 74 O.S. §§ 2900-2900.2
 - c. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) § 3202 Emergency Housing Vouchers, The Secretary shall provide emergency rental assistance vouchers under subsection (a), which shall be tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 ([42 U.S.C. 1437f\(o\)](#)).
 - d. Title 60, O.S. § 176(A)(1) and other public trust statutes and OHFA's trust indenture executed on May 1, 1975. *See* OHFA Third Amended Trust Indenture (Sept. 24, 2002)