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The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda to receive 57 New Emergency Housing Choice Vouchers

Alameda, CA – Over 70,000 vouchers were granted to public housing authorities across the country via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was approved by the Federal Government and is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda (AHA) is set to receive 57 of those Emergency Housing Vouchers to help prevent and end homelessness in the City of Alameda.

These vouchers come at an opportune time with COVID-19 exacerbating the already severe housing crisis in Alameda County. The 57 vouchers granted to AHA are expected to be made available by July 31, 2021. These vouchers will help assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and those fleeing domestic violence; with a distribution focus on inclusion and equity. These vouchers offer long-lasting support that can help people remain stably housed as the recovery takes place in the wake the pandemic.

The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda's Executive Director, Vanessa Cooper, notes the opportunity for many City of Alameda landlords, "These 57 housing vouchers will help unsheltered and at risk households find stable housing and provides rental property owners a new opportunity to secure rental payments for the foreseeable future, while providing an essential service to people in need of shelter."

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, stated, "Thanks to the incredible leadership of President Joe Biden, this historic funding will provide much needed housing vouchers to help address and prevent homelessness in the City of Alameda. As we move into the recovery phase of the pandemic, these resources will help our most vulnerable residents as we move forward to Build Back Better."

In addition, to utilizing emergency housing vouchers, AHA is working to secure more landlords who have the capability of providing great resources to AHA clients as it relates to housing opportunities. AHA is focused on adding more housing stock and putting AHA clients in safe and sanitary affordable housing. If you are a landlord





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interested in partnering with AHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program, please email ibarnes@alamedahsg.org or call 510-747-4322.

AHA will be working with the Housing Authority of the City of Berkeley, Oakland Housing Authority, and the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, who together will receive over 800 Emergency Housing Vouchers. Within the City of Alameda, AHA is partnering on this project with Building Futures, Alameda Point Collaborative, and Operation Dignity to meet the needs of homeless Alamedans.

Alameda County's Coordinated Entry System and Continuum of Care will be providing services and referring individuals for the vouchers. Eligible individuals and families will be referred to AHA from the County's Coordinated Entry System. To refer individuals for these emergency vouchers please call 211 and ask for the Coordinated Entry System. **Please do not call the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda as AHA is unable to take direct referrals for these vouchers.**

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About AHA

For over 80 years, The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda has provided a range of housing assistance to low-income households. The primary goal of the Housing Authority is to provide quality, affordable, and safe housing in the City of Alameda. Our programs include Housing Choice Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers, specialized housing assistance, family self-sufficiency, affordable real estate development, resident services, and management of AHA owned property.

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