## **Pandemic Vouchers Allotted to HACM** Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) through ARP

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA or ARP). Through EHV, HUD provided 121 housing choice vouchers to the Section 8 Program in order to assist individuals and families who are:

- Homeless,
- At risk of homelessness,
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
- Were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability

HACM has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Continuum of Care and Milwaukee County to accept referrals of individuals who meet the criteria above. The effective date of these vouchers is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for 18 months.

This voucher award provides funding for fees for the costs of administering the EH Vouchers to expedite the referral process, income determination, issuance of voucher and leasing a unit. Other eligible expenses are security deposit assistance and rental application fees.

The eligible uses are designed to prevent and respond to Covid-19 by facilitating the rapid use and leasing of the Emergency Housing Vouchers, which will provide vulnerable individuals and families quicker access to housing so as to minimize the risk of Covid-19 exposure or spread. Individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness are often living in conditions that significantly increase the risk of exposure to Covid-19 in addition to other health risks.