

"HEROES Act" Overview & Federal Updates

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Emergency rental assistance: \$100 billion

- Short- and medium-term rental assistance and rent-related costs
- Up to 25% can be used for housing stabilization services
- Deep income targeting
- 2% set aside for Tribal nations

Emergency Solutions Grants: \$11.5 billion

 Respond to coronavirus outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness

Federal eviction and foreclosure moratorium





New Emergency Vouchers: \$1 billion

- 100,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers
- Targeted to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and people fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- "Sunsetting" could not be reissued when the household no longer needs assistance

Homeowner Assistance Fund: \$75 billion

 Assistance for mortgage payments, property taxes, utility payments, or other resources to help people stay in their homes



Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: \$4 billion

- \$500 million for administrative expenses
- \$2.5 billion for renewal funding
- \$1 billion for the new Emergency Vouchers

Project-Based Rental Assistance: \$750 million

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Public Housing: \$2 billion

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Community Development Block Grants: \$5 billion

 Up to \$100 million may be used for new/increased awards to technical assistance providers

Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): \$15 million

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USDA Rural Housing: \$309 million

- Authorizes \$284 million for Section 521 rental assistance
- \$25 million for rural housing vouchers

Housing Counseling Assistance: \$100 million



Section 202 Housing for the Elderly: \$500 million

• \$300 million for one-time grants for service coordinators

Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities: \$200 million

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Tribal Housing: \$100 million

Provided through the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Fair Housing Initiatives Program: \$14 million

- \$4 million for Fair Housing Organization Initiative grants
- \$10 million for Education and Outreach



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Address the urgent needs of extremely low-income renters and people experiencing homelessness

- National, uniform moratorium on evictions and foreclosures
- Emergency rental assistance and eviction prevention: \$100 billion
- Emergency Solutions Grants: At least \$11.5 billion
- Additional funding for housing stability: \$13 billion



Take Action!



Contact your representative TODAY to urge them to pass the "HEROES Act"

Ask your senators and representative to cosponsor the "Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act"

Support the "Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act" by signing your organization onto this letter: https://sforce.co/3fHdlcy