

Women4Women

Housing Assistance Resource Guide

What To Do If Your Section 8 Voucher Is At Risk

Important Notice

Federal funding for Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) is ending by December 31, 2026. If you have an EHV voucher, you must take action NOW to protect your housing. Women4Women is here to help you navigate your options.

STEP 1: Know What Type of Voucher You Have

Check the paperwork you received when you got your voucher. It should say who issued it:

- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) — ENDING in 2026. Take action immediately.
- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV / Section 8) — Currently stable but funding is uncertain.
- CityFHEPS or FHEPS — City-funded program. Separate from Section 8.

Not sure? Call your housing specialist.

STEP 2: Take These Actions Right Away

If You Have an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV):

- Complete a NYCHA public housing application at selfserve.nycha.info immediately.
- Stay current on your annual recertification — do not miss any deadlines.
- Allow housing inspectors into your home to conduct required inspections.
- Respond promptly to ANY letters, emails, or calls from NYCHA about your voucher.
- NYCHA will begin reaching out to EHV holders in Spring 2026 — watch for their contact.

For All Voucher Holders:

- Update your address, phone number, and email at selfserve.nycha.info or call 718-707-7771.
- Keep copies of all your housing documents in a safe place.
- Do NOT ignore any mail or notices — missing a deadline could end your assistance.
- Know your rights: It is illegal for landlords to refuse your voucher. Call 311 if this happens.

STEP 3: Explore Alternative Housing Programs

CityFHEPS

A City of New York rental assistance program for low-income New Yorkers. To qualify, you generally must:

- Apply for Cash Assistance (CA) through HRA
- Have a total gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Be at risk of eviction or homelessness

Contact your nearest HRA office or Homebase provider to apply. Use the ACCESS HRA app to manage your case.

Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs)

These vouchers are tied to specific apartment buildings — not to you personally. Benefits include:

- Easier to access than tenant-based vouchers
- You can apply to as many buildings as you like — each has its own waitlist
- [List of PBV buildings in Brooklyn](#): Ask Women4Women if it is up to date

New York State Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP)

A new \$50 million state pilot program for tenants at risk of eviction or homelessness. Participants pay up to 30% of their income on rent. Still being rolled out — contact HCR at hcr.ny.gov for updates.

NYCHA Public Housing

If you have an EHV voucher and apply for NYCHA public housing now, NYCHA may offer you an alternative subsidized unit before your voucher expires. Apply at selfserve.nycha.info.

STEP 4: Know Your Rights as a Survivor

As a survivor of domestic violence, you have special protections:

- You cannot be denied housing because of your history of domestic violence.
- You may be eligible for priority placement in housing programs.
- You have the right to request an emergency transfer if you are in danger.
- Your landlord cannot evict you solely because of incidents of domestic violence.

Women4Women will try to connect you with a housing attorney or legal advocate at no cost to you.

Key Contacts & Resources

Women4Women	Your first call — we will help you navigate all of this
NYCHA Self-Service	selfserve.nycha.info 718-707-7771 (Mon–Fri, 8am–8pm)
HRA / ACCESS HRA	accesshra.hra.nyc.gov Call 311 for your nearest office
Legal Aid Society	212-577-3300 Free legal help for low-income New Yorkers
New Destiny Housing	newdestinyhousing.org — Specializes in DV survivors & housing
NYC Human Rights	718-722-3131 — If a landlord refuses your voucher
NY State HCR	hcr.ny.gov — For state voucher program (HAVP) updates

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You are not alone. Women4Women is here to help every step of the way.
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