



Interoffice Memorandum

July 29, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
–AND–  
County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director  
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Services Department

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SUBJECT: August 10, 2021 – Consent Item  
Emergency Voucher Program

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No: 117-2) allowed the Department of Housing and Urban Development to allocate additional vouchers to Public Housing Agencies through an allocation formula designed to direct emergency vouchers in areas with the greatest needs. On May 10, 2021, the Housing and Community Development Division received notification of an initial award for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program in the amount of \$659,940, effective July 1, 2021. EHV's provide rental assistance to individuals and families, who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking, or recently homeless for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or high risk of housing instability.

The initial contract term for the EHV Program is 18 months for 66 housing voucher units. Additional disbursements will be calculated using actual Housing Assistant Payment disbursements. The funds appropriated by the EHV Program are available for obligation until September 30, 2030.

The Board must acknowledge acceptance of the initial award of \$659,940 for the EHV Program under the America Rescue Plan.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Emergency Housing Voucher Program award in the amount of \$659,940 under the America Rescue Plan between Orange County, Florida and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide emergency rental assistance. All Districts**

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