



### Rental Assistance Continuity Program

Funding Source: 20% Low/Mod RDA Funds

#### **Background**

As part of the Napa City and County Continuum of Care, the City of Napa and Housing Authority of the City of Napa have established the goal of creating prevention programs to help reduce the number of households entering homelessness. The Housing Authority of the City of Napa has developed this program that will provide continuity of tenant based rental assistance for those households that are losing a federal subsidy at no fault of the household. Service providers report that having access to this type of assistance would significantly reduce homelessness and minimize negative impacts to households that are at risk of experiencing homelessness. This program will be open for referrals that will be equitably reviewed, and if necessary, randomly selected, to identify a limited number of participants. The effectiveness of the program will be tracked, and data used for future funding applications.

#### **Point In Time Eligibility**

The referral list will be open beginning August 6, 2025 and will remain open until June 30, 2027 or until such time all allocated funding is subscribed.

#### **Referrals Accepted From:**

- HMIS Participating Agencies

#### **Eligibility For Program Participation**

- Household is currently receiving tenant based rental assistance from a federal source, including but not limited to Section 8, Emergency Housing Voucher, Shelter Plus Care, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Rapid Rehousing.
- Household is losing their rental subsidy at no fault of their own including, but not limited to, the following reasons:
  - Expiration of funding for federal program with no renewal
  - Changes in federal policy regarding household eligibility
- Household would otherwise continue to receive rental assistance subsidy under the current subsidy program
- Household would remain in good standing under the current subsidy program
- Household resides within the City of Napa jurisdiction



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Ineligible households are defined as those household who can remain on a current subsidy or are terminated from another rental assistance subsidy due to any of the following reasons: failure to comply with program regulations, increased income that makes the household income ineligible, or expiration of a voucher without securing housing. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis when required by law.

### **Rental Subsidy Provided and Requirements**

- The Program will provide continuity of tenant based rental assistance under the same subsidy standards and payment standard methodology as the program the household exited at the time of Program enrollment.
- The program will calculate maximum rental assistance using the same payment methodology that applied under the household's prior subsidy.
- Households receiving rental assistance from the Program will continue to be recertified annually in accordance with the program the household exited at the time of Program enrollment.
- Households receiving rental assistance from the Program may move within the Program jurisdiction of the City of Napa. Approval of a household move is subject to conditions consistent with the rules of the program from which the household exited at the time of Program enrollment.
- Rental subsidy will be available for any eligible household losing existing rental assistance on or after July 31, 2025.
- Households receiving rental assistance from the Program will continue to follow program rules and responsibilities outlined in the program the household exited at the time of Program enrollment. Such rules and responsibilities include but are not limited to reporting changes, unit occupancy, and lease compliance.

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