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Legal Aid Releases District-Level Data on 5,218 NYCHA Households at Risk of Eviction and Homelessness as Emergency Housing Vouchers Expire

Crisis Is Concentrated in the Bronx — Including Speaker Heastie’s District — and Upper Manhattan

Attorneys Urge Albany to Include \$250 Million for the Housing Access Voucher Program in the FY27 Budget to Protect At-Risk Households

(ALBANY, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** released new data today, broken down by New York State Senate and Assembly district, showing that [5,218](#) New York City Housing Authority households are at risk of eviction and homelessness as pandemic-era federal Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) near expiration, underscoring the urgent need for Albany to include \$250 million for the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP) in the FY27 budget. Additional geographic breakdowns are available by New York City Council district, congressional district, and borough.

Read the dataset [here](#).

Emergency Housing Vouchers, created through the American Rescue Plan to help people experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, and households at imminent risk of housing instability secure permanent housing, are now facing a federal funding cliff. With thousands of New York City households relying on EHVs, the expiration of this assistance threatens to push vulnerable families back toward eviction, shelter, and homelessness unless Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and lawmakers across New York act to provide a permanent rental assistance solution.

This district-by-district analysis identifies the Bronx as the epicenter of New York City’s EHV crisis, with 283 households in Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie’s district relying on EHVs, 389 households in Senator Jamaal Bailey’s district, 357 households in Assembly Member Landon Dais’s district, and 725 households in Senator Luis Sepúlveda’s district. As federal assistance nears expiration, these communities face an outsized risk of eviction and homelessness absent state investment in the HAVP.

“The expiration of Emergency Housing Vouchers threatens to pull the rug out from under 5,218 NYCHA households who secured stable housing through this lifesaving program,” said **Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “This district-by-district data makes clear that the impact will be felt most acutely in communities already on the frontlines of the housing crisis, particularly in the Bronx. Albany has the opportunity — and the obligation — to act now by including \$250 million for the

Housing Access Voucher Program in the FY27 budget to prevent thousands of New Yorkers from being pushed back toward eviction, shelter, and homelessness.”

Background

Last year, New York established a \$50 million pilot for the HAVP, a statewide rental assistance initiative designed to help New Yorkers who are unhoused or at risk of losing housing secure and maintain stable homes in the private market through rental subsidies. HAVP was created to fill critical gaps in the state’s housing safety net by extending assistance to low-income New Yorkers who are often excluded from existing local and federal programs — including undocumented New Yorkers, people with prior felony convictions, and individuals with no income.

As lawmakers prepare the FY27 budget, Legal Aid is calling on Albany to build on that pilot investment by funding HAVP at \$250 million to scale the program statewide, prevent evictions, and provide a permanent pathway out of homelessness for tens of thousands of New Yorkers.

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