State Housing Finance Agencies: Emergency Housing Assistance Programs

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State HFAs Have Deep Rental Assistance Experience

Number of State HFAs Administering Federal Rental Assistance Programs

- Project-Based Section 8
- Tenant-Based Section 8
- Emergency Solutions Grants
State HFAs Have Mobilized in Response to COVID-19

34 HFAs Have Emergency Housing Assistance Programs
State HFA Emergency Assistance Program Characteristics

**Total Funding Available:**
$1,504,282,000

**Average Program Size:**
$44,243,588

**Median Program Size:**
$21,100,000
State HFA Program Characteristics (Continued)

State HFA Emergency Housing Assistance Programs’ Source of Funding

- Coronavirus Relief Fund
- State Housing Trust Fund
- CARES Act Supplemental CDBG Funds
- Internal HFA Funding Source
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds
- CARES Act Supplemental ESG Funds
- CARES Act Unspecified Source
State HFA Program Characteristics (Continued)

State HFA Emergency Housing Assistance Programs’ Intended Targets for Relief

- Rental Assistance: 32
- Mortgage Assistance: 12
- Utility Assistance: 4
- Other Assistance (including counseling, security deposit assistance, and more): 6
Early Takeaways

State HFAs have moved quickly to stand up new programs.

While renter needs dominate, homeowners also need assistance.

In many states demand has far and fast outstripped supply.

Imposed complexity + incomplete applications = bottlenecks.

Without more federal funding through state HFAs, evictions and delinquencies are likely to skyrocket.
More Information

Details on State HFA Emergency Housing Assistance Programs:
https://www.ncsha.org/resource/state-hfa-emergency-housing-assistance-programs/
updated regularly

Analysis of Current and Expected Rental Shortfall and Potential Eviction Filings in the U.S.:

Information on Other Emergency Housing Assistance Programs:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hLfybfo9NydlptQu5wghUpKXecimh3gaoq17LU1JGc8/edit#gid=79194074

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