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: 35
- Tenant-Based Section 8: 22
- Emergency Solutions Grants: 18
State HFAs Have Mobilized in Response to COVID-19

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

Total Funding Available: $1,079,282,000

Average Program Size: $37,216,621

Median Program Size: $10,000,000
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 Emergency Housing Assistance Programs’ Intended Targets for Relief

- Rental Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Utility Assistance
- Other Assistance (including counseling, security deposit assistance, and more)
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.

Some states want more time than the law allows to get the money out.

In most states, only the HFA could create a new program, quickly deliver aid, and take the political heat and public pressure.
More Information


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