



# Counting Federal Rental Assistance Vouchers Toward Affordable Housing Goal

**Overview of Proposed Process for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)**



# Background

- Under Rhode Island's Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, municipalities are incentivized to achieve the goal of having 10% of their year-round housing qualify as low- or moderate-income housing (LMIH).
- Generally housing must meet the following criteria to count as LMIH:
  - Subsidized by a federal, state or municipal government
  - Income restricted to 80% AMI for renters or 120% AMI for homeowners
  - Deed restricted for at least 30 years
- Legislation passed in 2024 expanded that definition to include federal rental assistance vouchers beginning with the 2024 LMIH Chart.



# Process for Counting Rental Assistance Vouchers

- What vouchers to count and when
- Which entity captures the information
- Format for capturing the information
- Ensuring that there is no duplication of unit counts.



# What vouchers to count and when to count them

- Pull data on December 31, 2025 and annually thereafter.
- Only vouchers with a signed lease agreement that are occupied by a voucher recipient on 12/31/25 should be counted.
- Eligible vouchers:
  - Housing Choice Voucher Program tenant (HCVP)
  - Project based vouchers (HCVP-PB)
  - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers
  - Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers
  - Foster Youth Initiative (FYI) vouchers
  - Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive and Rapid Rehousing vouchers\*
  - Emergency Solutions Grants\*

*\* Being captured through a similar but separate process*



# What each PHA is reporting

## Count:

- Vouchers the PHA is administering in their own jurisdiction including:
  - Vouchers the PHA has absorbed from other PHAs
  - Vouchers the PHA is administering for another PHA
- Vouchers the PHA is administering in another PHA's jurisdiction through a shared jurisdiction agreement

## Don't Count:

- Vouchers being administered by another PHA in that PHA's jurisdiction
- Vouchers that do not have a signed lease agreement for a unit that is occupied by a voucher recipient on 12/31/25



# Reporting and De-Duplication

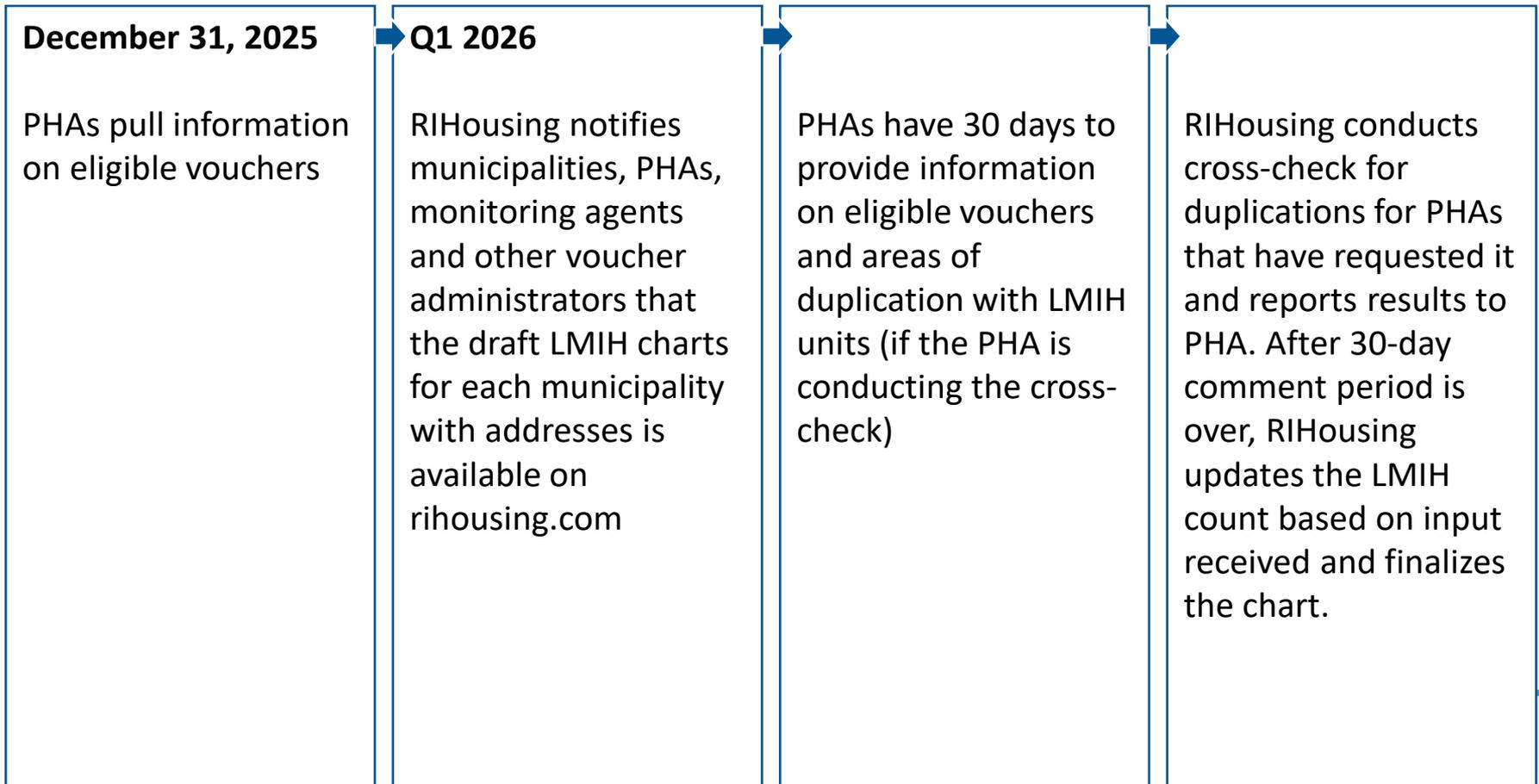
De-Duplication: Removing vouchers that are being used in a unit that is already being counted as LMIH housing. The PHA may cross-check for areas of duplication or RIHousing can cross-check for the PHA.

PHA Conducting Cross-Check	RIHousing Conducting Cross-Check
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RIHousing notifies PHAs that the draft LMIH charts for each municipality with addresses is available on its website</li><li>• PHA cross-checks those addresses against the addresses of their active, eligible vouchers</li><li>• PHA provides information on the number of vouchers leased up in LMIH units in the template form</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PHA provides RIHousing with the addresses for their active eligible vouchers</li><li>• RIHousing cross-checks those addresses against the addresses of LMIH units in the municipality</li><li>• RIHousing reports to the PHA the number of vouchers leased up in LMIH units prior to the completion of the LMIH chart</li></ul>

Note: Addresses of voucher holders will not be made public regardless of whether the PHA or RIHousing conduct the cross-check.

# Reporting and De-Duplication Process

## Reporting Process



# Questions?

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