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**Sonoma County Housing Authority**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: June 21, 2023  
 To: Community Development Committee  
 From: Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager  
 Subject: Update on Housing Authority Programs

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The Sonoma County Housing Authority (SCHA) administers several rental assistance programs in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These programs enable very low-income households to rent from private landlords at fair market rental rates.

In accordance with the objectives and goals outlined in the Public Housing Authority 5-Year Plan, the Housing Authority applies for new vouchers whenever an opportunity arises. Since January 2020, the SCHA rental assistance programs have grown by **404 rental assistance vouchers**, bringing the total portfolio to **3,349 vouchers**.

The SCHA rental assistance programs include the following:

<b>Program</b>	<b># of Vouchers</b>	<b>Annual Rental Assistance Budget</b>
Housing Choice Voucher	2915	\$44,000,000
Mainstream Voucher	261	\$4,100,000
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	20	\$226,345
Emergency Housing Voucher	153	\$2,349,300

At present, the Housing Authority Division of the Community Development Commission has 25 Full-time employees. These employees work diligently to assist people through the waitlist process, the leasing process, and the ongoing rental assistance process. At present, there are 3,235 households (5,430 individuals) housed through the SCHA's various programs.

