

Bristol, Virginia receives federal funding for housing vouchers

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Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority will work with People Inc. to offer vouchers to the homeless, at-risk of being homeless, and those escaping domestic violence with new funding. (O. Bailey, WCYB)

BRISTOL, Va. — Bristol is among Virginia localities receiving \$15 million in federal funding for affordable housing.

Bristol's Redevelopment and Housing Authority will receive more than \$136,000.

The funding was awarded through the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program authorized by the American Rescue Act.

Lisa Porter, the executive director of the Bristol Redevelopment and Housing Authority, said the funding will cover 15 vouchers for the homeless, at-risk of homeless, and those fleeing domestic violence.

Porter said the agency will work with People Incorporated to find housing on the private market and help subsidize costs for up to 18 months.

The vouchers will be available beginning July 1. Porter told us many clients are struggling to find affordable housing due to a tightening market.