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(a) (1) Regardless of whether a county or municipality has established a housing authority under the Housing Authorities Law in Division II of the Housing and Community Development Article, the powers conferred by this section:

(i) are in addition to all other powers of a county or municipality;
and

(ii) may be exercised directly by a county or municipality or as otherwise provided by the governing body of the county or municipality.

(2) This section does not affect any powers conferred on a housing authority, county, or municipality by the Housing Authorities Law in Division II of the Housing and Community Development Article.

(b) A county or municipality may participate in federal lower-income housing assistance programs and for this purpose may:

- (1) enter into contracts with the United States or a federal agency;
- (2) accept and expend assistance payments related to existing, newly constructed, or substantially rehabilitated housing;
- (3) act as a public housing agency as defined in federal law; and
- (4) do all things necessary or convenient to participate in the program.

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