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Housing Choice Voucher Program Overview

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RRHA's Vision and Mission

- Our Vision: An innovative leader creating dynamic partnerships that build vibrant communities
- Our Mission: To be the catalyst for quality affordable housing and community revitalization.



How the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Works

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled with rental expenses
- "Housing Choice Voucher" is the latest term for the program; older terms were Certificates and Section 8



How the Program Works

- Families rent existing housing stock; the private rental units are used
- The program is not public housing and entire apartment complexes are not “vouchered”
- The program is called “tenant based” since the rental assistance is tied to the “tenant or person” not a property or structure



How the Program Works

- A Housing Agency or Public Housing Agency receives federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the Voucher program.



How the Program Works

- There are over 2400 housing agencies or PHAs nationwide
- RRHA serves approximately 2,900 families.
- RRHA IS NOT ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.



How the Program Works

- A housing assistance payment (HAP) is paid by RRHA directly to the landlord.
- The family pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the federal program.
- Under certain conditions the family may choose a unit anywhere in the United States. This concept is known as portability.



How the Program Works

- The voucher holder must find a rental unit and willing landlord, the unit is inspected, and the rent requested must be reasonable for the market area
- RRHA maintains a Waiting List of applicants who apply for voucher assistance
- Number of applicants on combined lists: approximately 9,003 families



How the Program Works

- RRHA determines the eligibility of the family for a housing voucher and issues the voucher to the family to look for a unit.



Funding

Program funds received by RRHA are paid to:

- Landlords on behalf of program participants
- Program participants for assistance toward utility costs of the rental unit
- Family Self Sufficiency escrow credits deposited into an interest-bearing account on behalf of participants



Other Information

- If you are a landlord and would like to enroll your property in RRHA's program, please call us at (804) 780-4361/TDD: (804) 225-0538, or e-mail us at info@rrha.state.va.us.
- If you are an existing HCVP participant and are planning to move or "port" to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority service area, please call (804) 780-4361/TDD: (804) 225-0538, or e-mail us at info@rrha.state.va.us.