

Housing Choice Voucher Program



The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program provides decent, affordable housing to very low- to low-income individuals and families, including people with disabilities and senior citizens.

Vouchers are distributed through VHDA in partnership with local housing agency partners. Vouchers allow qualifying prospective tenants to select from a wider range of housing options, as opposed to being limited to designated housing projects. The tenant pays the landlord a percentage of their monthly income towards the rent, with the voucher subsidizing the remainder.

What families are eligible?

Prospective tenants often represent the diversity of your local community. They may be individuals, families and people with disabilities or senior citizens. They tend to be very highly-motivated renters who pay rent in a timely manner and maintain the property. Many HCV tenants hold jobs as teachers, police officers or other service providers.

How can a family participate?

To participate in the program a family must apply to a local housing agent and be certified as eligible. They are allowed to seek housing from landlords who wish to participate. The family may select the housing in which they currently reside or move to another home.

What type of housing qualifies?

Any rental housing, including single family homes, apartments and mobile homes, qualifies as long as it is in decent, safe and sanitary condition, as defined by program Housing Quality Standards.

How are payments made?

Every month, the landlord receives two checks: one from the family and one from VHDA. Payments will be made for the term of the specified contract.

How to apply for a housing choice voucher?

VHDA has 33 agencies and each agency has a separate waiting list. All waiting list openings are announced through advertisements in local newspapers. The announcement will advise the public of the date and time the waiting list will be accepting applications as well as the website to use to apply for placement on the waiting list.

To review Frequently Asked Questions and Answers regarding the waiting list, visit: www.vhda.com/BusinessPartners/HCVPartners/Pages/VoucherWaitingListFAQ.aspx

If you have questions about the waiting list or for more information about when waiting lists will open, please email HCVWaitList@vhda.com. For assistance by phone, you can reach the VDHA toll-free at 877-VHDA-123.

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